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Vancouver and Vicinity—Light to moderate winds; unsettled and mild, with occasional rain.

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THE COLONIST WISHES ITS READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tug Wins Way to Safety After All Hope Has Faded

News of Roosevelt's Escape From Storm After Wireless Out of Action Brings Welcome Surprise to Families of Crew Twelve Hours After Sinking Presumed

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Dec. 24 (AP).—Seven hours after she was believed lost in one of the worst storms off the North Pacific Coast in many years, the historic tug Roosevelt crept into the shelter of Neah Bay, west of here, today.

Her wireless cabin was stove in and flooded, which explained her silence after frantic SOS calls last night, which set three Canadian and United States patrol boats speeding to her aid. Captain Russell Davis said the sea battered in the front end of the cabin just as the last message—"for God's sake, hurry"—was flashed, but later it was found she was in no danger.

WELCOME SURPRISE
News of the Roosevelt's conquest of the storm came as a welcome Christmas surprise to Seattle families of the eleven men aboard. It was twelve hours after she was believed lost before word of her safe arrival was transmitted through here to Seattle.

The Roosevelt, Admiral Robert E. Peary's North Pole discovery ship, challenged the fierce gale off the coast in an effort to bring the schooner Commodore, winner of a sailing ship race from Hawaii, into the strait and to port for Christmas.

The Commodore's own tug had failed and the Roosevelt, waiting for the schooner, which was defeated in the ocean race, was playing the Good Samaritan role.

WILL DINE AT SEA
Now, not only the crews of the two schooners, but those of the three tugs as well, will probably dine at sea Christmas Day.

The Commodore, which reached the cape on Tuesday to win the race, forty-two days out of Honolulu, was driven fifty miles north.

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CHRISTMAS DAY ONE OF CHEER

Victoria Today Celebrates Holiday—Good Will and Good Luck to All

Today is Christmas Day—young and old, rich and poor, in hamlet and castle, on land or on sea, the happy spirit of Christmas breathes a message of good will to all.

No other day in all the year has so much of nature's blessing—good health, good cheer and good luck for the days that are to come. Christmas and happiness are akin, and so, today, those two things hold sway.

In cities, large or small, Christmas Eve always holds an abundance of romance, and last night in Victoria was no exception to the rule. Last-minute shoppers hurried here and there in search of gifts; belated revelers made merry as gentle sprinklings of rain added glint to walks and roadways and reflected back gorgeous colorings from decorated shop windows.

LATE PURCHASERS
Behind the counters of stores tired helpers aided late purchasers at midnight drew near, the hum of traffic ceased, and when the clock of the City Hall tolled out the strokes of twelve, Christmas Day was at hand. A policeman said "good-morning." Another said "good-morning."

In many lands, and under many flags, in climates hot, and in climates cold, Christmas Day is always a day of happiness.

Tomorrow is Boxing Day, and its tradition is being observed in Victoria, and other Canadian cities on the Pacific Coast. Banks, however, will be open on Saturday morning, and the Parliament Buildings will also be open to transact the business of the various departments until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. All other places of business will be closed, and the employees of wholesale and most of the retail establishments will have a long week-end holiday.

WILL SEEK BAN ON SOVIET PULP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Exclusion of Russian wood pulp will be urged before the Senate finance committee by Senator Dill, Democrat, Washington.

Dill said he would lay his plea before the committee when it considers the bill by Senator Jones, Republican, Washington, to levy a tariff on products from countries changing the monetary standards.

The Russian pulp question, he said, should be included in the Jones measure, but if not, appropriate provision should be made to shut off its flow.

Dill said that "if necessary" he would submit an amendment, barring Russian pulp imports.



Merry Xmas

REGULARS AND BANDITS ALIKE

Little Difference in Manchuria, According to Japanese Explanation

TOKIO, Dec. 24 (AP).—There is little difference between bandits and regular Chinese troops in the Manchuria, according to Japanese explanation.

American Ambassador W. Cameron Forbes spent forty minutes, today, with Premier Inukai, presenting a memorandum from Secretary of State Stimson. The Premier was informed that Washington was showing renewed concern regarding Japanese troop movements in the Manchuria area.

NOT SPECIFIED
It was understood that Secretary Stimson's memorandum referred to bandits in general, but did not specify the nine-power peace pact to which the United States, China and Japan are signatories.

The French and British communications, similar in content to the Secretary's memorandum, were described by the Foreign Office as "expressions of apprehension" rather than warnings.

In the replies to be sent, Saturday, the Japanese Government will declare that military operations are not necessarily aimed at Chinchow, but have as their primary object the eradication of disturbing elements from the area.

NO PEACE ON LIAO
MUKDEN, Manchuria, Dec. 24 (AP).—There was neither peace nor good will this Christmas Eve on the Liao River.

At two points, at least, Japanese troops were bitterly trying to force a passage to the west side of the river, that they might destroy the Chinese bands they call guerrillas or bandits.

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Two Killed After Mussolini Funeral

POGGIA, Italy, Dec. 24 (AP).—Two passengers were killed, six were injured and a score of others, returning from the funeral of Benito Mussolini, were badly shaken today when the Bologna express jumped the track at Coronato station, near here. Three cars were overturned.

Bitter Weather in Europe As Christmas Day Breaks

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP).—Old Man Winter threw up a barricade of sleet and cold across most of Europe tonight. Reports of abnormal weather conditions were received from widely separated localities.

Four persons were frozen to death in a cold wave in Spain. A gale was raging over the Orkney Islands. It was five below zero in some parts of Portugal and two deaths were recorded.

From Lapland to the Mediterranean the stage was set for a white

People of Britain Now Gather Fresh Strength For Tackling Problems

Nation Emerges Calm and Steady Onto Quiet Waters After a Storm of Economic and Political Difficulties Brewed in Its Beginning in the Great War

SAYS CANADA RECOVERING

D. B. Plunkett, M.P., Believes Useful Lessons Taught by Present Lull

In a year-end message to the people of Victoria, D. B. Plunkett, M.P., points to the active good arising out of Canada's momentary lull in its commercial life, and predicts lessons learned of necessity will result in a surer and safer foundation for the next great advance, already getting under way. The member for Victoria said:

"Christmas and the coming New Year finds the Canadian people and citizens of our country making a searching analysis of our commercial, industrial and political life, to the end that a more prosperous and better financial condition may be attained and accrue to the happiness of all."

FUTURE PROSPERITY

"There is no doubt as a people we have spent too much when times were good for fantastic and unprofitable luxuries, and which, in some instances, we could not afford, and the system of buying upon credit has had the effect of furthering our present predicament. All these indiscretions have now brought us to a realization of our true condition, and should eventually prove both a benefit and an incentive to further advancement. Looking for evidence of encouragement in our economic condition, we find many hopeful and positive reasons for future prosperity."

"The banks of Canada have proved great institutions, financially sound, and through the past year, as in former years, have merited the confidence placed in them. Farmers and agricultural communities throughout our country have given up the idea of acres of ripening grain as a firm basis of remuneration, and are now turning their attention to mixed farming, which brings a more secure financial reward and better living conditions."

RETRENCHMENT NEEDED
"The mines and forests of our country are still mighty for prospective profit, and most important and significant is the fact that our Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments, with our great national enterprises, are realizing the value and necessity of retrenchment if future success and progress is to be attained throughout our Dominion."

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Sandy Spit Eroded by Heavy Seas

As a result of the fierce gale which swept Victoria and vicinity on Monday and Tuesday, a large portion of Whiffen Spit, at Sooke, was washed away yesterday. The heavy seas uprooted trees and large stones in its path, smoothing off about 1,000 feet of the natural breakwater of Sooke.

Granite blocks, used when the Sooke Harbor House was being constructed, were lifted by the sweeping waves and thrown into the sea. The portion washed away extends between Sooke Harbor House and the protection work, erected by the Dominion Government, about two years ago, when similar high seas washed part of the spit away. The water now flows right over the spit into the harbor.

ROBBED IN HOLD-UP

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 24 (AP).—An unmarked elderly bandit held up Frank M. Dunham, one of the proprietors in the Red Cross drug store here, Wednesday night and robbed him of a diamond stickpin valued at \$1,500 and \$40 in currency. He made no effort to reach the cash register, in which there was a considerable sum of money. Federal and Ketchikan officers have failed so far to apprehend him.

TRANS-ANDAN RAIL LINE IS AUTHORIZED

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 24 (AP).—President J. Esteban Montero signed a decree last night authorizing construction of an international trans-Andean railroad from Antofagasta, Chile, to Salta, Argentina.

This action cleared up a twenty-year-old discussion, during which Chilean Governments several times decided in favor of the project and then changed their minds.

Vast Crowds at Bethlehem Observe Christ's Nativity

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 24 (AP).—In his holy spot where Jesus was born nearly 2,000 years ago, thousands of pilgrims reverently observed the Nativity tonight.

The climax for which devout throngs had waited for hours came at the stroke of midnight when, in the Latin Church of St. Catherine, the image of the Babe of Bethlehem was revealed lying in a niche of the altar as a great electric star glowed forth above.

At this instant the rapid silence was broken, bells pealed forth and joyous chanting was wafted on the air. Outside, patients throngs which had been unable to gain admission

heard the joy bells ring and the church resound.

Bearing the image of the Holy Patriarch, Bishop Francis Pellizzeri led a procession to the grotto underneath the Church of the Nativity next door and laid it on the traditional spot of Christ's birth in a manger. This solemn ceremonial was followed by the celebration of Mass.

Out of Tel Beas, near Bethlehem, where the Angels of the Lord were said to have come down in a shepherd's field, the Y.M.C.A. held its annual Christmas celebration despite bitter cold and intermittent rain.

Colonist Staff to Celebrate Holiday

THIS being Christmas Day, the members of The Colonist editorial, business and mechanical staffs will enjoy a holiday, consequently there will be no issue of the paper on Saturday morning.

The paper will be issued on Sunday as usual.

B.C. CABINET IN HAPPY MOOD

Leader of Opposition Joins the Fun, and Ottawa Adds Trimmings

There was a distinctly Yuletide atmosphere about the Provincial cabinet of government yesterday, even politicians being willing to let bygones be bygones and to submit to that friendly feeling for fellow men that comes with the approach of Christmas Day.

Premier Tolmie and members of the Cabinet held an informal reception in the Premier's office, where every member of the Civil Service within reach of the Legislative Buildings called for a friendly exchange of the season's greetings.

Premier Tolmie and Cabinet ministers put away the cares of state for a brief hour while they joined in cordial appreciation of the loyal and untiring services of all ranks of the civil servants through the year past.

Following a custom he has kept for some time, T. D. Pattullo, Leader of the Opposition, called on the Premier and exchanged a handshake and greetings as cordial as allies in one cause. The Premier greeted the Leader of the Opposition as heartily, and the spirit of Christmas reached its peak of the day.

B.C. CHRISTMAS BOX
In the midst of such good feeling it would not have surprised anyone if a political "Christmas box" had dropped suddenly down the big red chimney at the Legislative Buildings and distributed presents all round. Ottawa assuring the Province that it would shortly receive \$800,000 credit on account of all the relief work done under the national relief plan.

The Legislative Buildings will remain closed today and also on New Year's Day, but there will be no extra holidays this year, in deference to the quiet times.

Christmas messages by Government and business leaders, however, showed that British Columbia was going into the new year with a firmer measure of confidence, prepared to meet the coming 366 days with a steady march back along the road to economic recovery.

WINS ANOTHER CONFIDENCE VOTE

PARIS, Dec. 24 (AP).—Premier Laval's Government was made safe until January 13 when the Chamber of Deputies gave it a vote of confidence tonight.

After the vote, which was on a method of proceeding with a Government agreement with the Bank of France, the Premier ended the session for the holidays. The vote was 220 to 267.

The Premier's former Socialist comrades attempted to unsettle him at the last moment, but he hastily summoned back to Paris enough supporters to gain a majority.

GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED

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Ukrainians Hold Christmas Rites During January

Picturesque Ceremony Is Held by New Canadians—Twelve-Course Dinner in Honor of the Twelve Apostles Brings to an End Period of Fasting

WHEN on Christmas Eve the Ukrainian settlers in Central and Northern Alberta and Saskatchewan sit down to their feast—the outstanding feast of the year—their dish of "kutia" will be of special significance. "Kutia" is composed of boiled wheat, poppy seeds and honey. The Ukrainians do not gather fruits and spices from the far ends of the earth to make their Christmas dishes. Rather, following the customs of their ancestors, they gather together the products of their own lands and by methods carefully followed through the ages, they prepare their dainties.

The land in the Ukraine is very rich, producing fine crops of wheat; the flowers bloom profusely and honey is abundant. So at their Christmas festival they feel it fitting to serve the best their land produces and give it the place of honor. Nature has been kind to these new Canadians this year. Their fields yielded a rich harvest of wheat; their aparies a rich supply

WEALTH OF TRADITION

When the Ukrainian settlers came to Western Canada, few of them brought much in the way of material wealth, but they did bring a

A Small Pet for the Home



Although Little Betty Robinson Would Make Just About a Mouthful for This Huge St. Bernard at the Metropolitan and Essex Dog Show, Crystal Palace, London, She Isn't Afraid. He Doesn't Bite—Much.

wealth of tradition, to much of which they cling. This is noticed particularly in connection with the feast days of the churches, of which Christmas and Easter are the outstanding.

The Ukrainian Christmas is on January 7. For six weeks before the people observe Lent. No wedding or other festive occasions are held during that period, no dances, no festivities of any kind. The people fast, abstaining from eating fat, and eating unleavened bread. Even at their great Christmas Eve feast, no fats are eaten.

NOTABLE DINNER

There is much preparation for this meal. Twelve dishes, honoring the twelve Apostles, must be served. These include the Kutia, Holub, a preparation of cabbage and rice cooked together, Pyrophi, salted herring and other fish, and such other dishes as the family favor. Pyrophi is made after the fashion of boiled dumplings. The housewife makes a dough of flour, water and salt, rolls this out and cuts it in small squares or round pieces. On these she spreads cottage cheese, boiled cabbage or potatoes, or boiled prunes. The pastry is rolled around the filling and it is then cooked in boiling water. For the Christmas Pyrophi, cabbage or prunes are always used.

The Christmas Eve feast is strictly a family gathering. Members of the family who are away from home may come back to take their places at the table, but no stranger is invited.

SIMPLE TRIBUTES

Before the family gather around the board there are several important traditions to be carried out. A sheaf of wheat must be carried into the house earlier in the day and placed in the corner of the room, where it remains during the celebration, silent recognition that, daily bread has been granted in answer to prayer. Fresh hay is brought from the barn and spread on the table before the cloth is laid, and beneath the table as well—in memory of Christ's birth in a humble manger.

Man's dependence upon his animals must be recognized, so the horses with which he cultivates his fields, the cattle that provide milk and meat, the sheep that give wool for his clothing, the swine and poultry must have their Christmas feast, too, and this must be served before the family eat. Following this, thought is given to the poor of the community, and to any orphans that may be in the neighborhood. Portions of the dishes prepared for the family are carried to them that they also may feast. Thus do they carry out the tradition that all living things must celebrate and be happy at the same time.

WATCH FOR STARS

As night approaches, the children watch from the windows for the coming of the stars. When the first star appears, they may not eat until the stars shine, or, if it is cloudy, until star time. At last the stars come out. All gather reverently around the table, and even the smallest child joins in the prayer before eating.

All food is placed on the table before the family is seated, as no one is supposed to rise from the table until he has finished his meal. Supper over at last, the family join in singing the "Kolada," or Christmas carols.

INTENSELY RELIGIOUS

At three o'clock on Christmas morning the bells of the Ukrainian churches call the people to the Christmas service, and few fail to respond. Men, women and children gather for this early service, that lasts until eight o'clock, and the hour does not bother them at all. The Ukrainians are, in the main, an intensely religious people, and their attendance at church is easily explained. They have gone to church regularly from childhood, and the Christmas service has a particular charm for them.

The Christmas festival lasts for three days at least, and sometimes extends until the New Year. During that time the men, boys and girls go from home to home singing Christmas carols. Sometimes they knock at the doors and ask for money, which they give to the church. Parties are held in the homes, and the best food obtainable is prepared for the meals.

OUTDOOR COOKING

Great flocks of turkeys, geese and ducks are raised by the Ukrainian farm women, and the best of these are kept for Christmas. The Ukrainian woman is as proud of her housewifery as the Canadian-born woman, and the big outdoor ovens work overtime around the Christmas holidays, for with so many visitors coming and going, much extra bread is needed.

New Year's Day passes, the festival is well over, even with the most enthusiastic, and the New Canadians of Ukrainian birth or descent settle down to the routine of everyday life.

until the next great festival—the Easter festival. So in Western Canada the thousands of Ukrainian families blessed with good crops will celebrate the birth of Christ, clinging to the best of their old traditions, blending them with some of the traditions of Canada, and in their celebration they will not forget those of their communities who have suffered misfortune. Among all peoples the Christmas spirit is much the same.

SIR R. P. ROBLIN IS OPTIMISTIC

Former Premier of Manitoba, Arriving Here, Predicts Better Times



Sir Rodmond P. Roblin, of Winnipeg, former Premier of the Province of Manitoba, and Lady Roblin, arrived in Victoria yesterday afternoon. They are guests at the Empress Hotel, where they will remain for the rest of the winter. Having left public life seventeen years ago, it is a shipwreck, which does not occur frequently on these barren shores.

All that remains for these lepers is to occupy themselves with gardening, listen to the radio, or play bridge at night. Lately cards have been occupying their attention, as they follow the Lenz-Gilbertson tournament with zest.

Treatment given. Each leper, however, has been given treatment by Dr. C. P. Brown, medical officer, who is in charge of the quarantine station at William Head. For the past few years Dr. Brown has been patiently infusing a compound of ethyl and chalmogra oil into the blood stream of these afflicted people, and at last has been able to give them the most treasured of Christmas presents—hope for recovery.

Cures have been effected elsewhere in the world, but to these imprisoned on a lonely island, seeing is believing. At last they have seen and now they all wait hopefully for that day when they, too, will be released from the sea-girt island to return to their homes.

LIGHTNING STUDY CONTINUED

Tests of the power of lightning, started recently at Mt. Generoso, in the Italian Alps, are being continued under a dome of metal near Breslau, Germany. One of the experiments is the tapping of the power of lightning, but the results are being kept secret. In the Alps the German experimenters succeeded in capturing an 18,000,000-volt thunderbolt from the clouds, and tried out various models of vacuum tubes to harness the currents.

The getting away from deferred payments on everything, which was supposed to be necessary, according to existing standards of living, could have a beneficial effect upon the situation. In this connection he quoted from the statement made by Roger Babson, noted financial statistician in the United States, that there was money owing on deferred payments of this kind by the residents of the country than the total national debt of the United States. These statements have to be adjusted, Sir Rodmond feels, before the return of normal trade conditions.

Grace—Don't you know her? Helen—Yes, but she's not in the same circle.

GOVERNOR PAYS VISIT TO CLUB

Morgan Eastman Addresses Rotary Body on Ideals of Organization

Members of the Rotary Club had an inspirational address delivered to them at the weekly luncheon, yesterday by Morgan Eastman, of Vancouver, district governor of the organization. Rotary members were held together by friendship, said the governor. This extended throughout the sixty-seven nations in which International Rotary was established. There was only one way to make a friend, said he, and that was to be one.

Mr. Eastman advised all members of the organization to make arrangements to visit the convention of the international body in Seattle early next year.

Reviewing the work of the various committees of the club, Mr. Eastman gave suggestions respecting the work to be done. As governor he was himself not so concerned with the record of attendance of members, as in the chronicle of the interest manifested in the service by these members.

INTERNATIONAL WORK After dealing with the services to be rendered to the club, to the community, the governor gave attention to the international service. In these days when geographical barriers were being torn down and distances annihilated, the situation was very much altered in the world. He would not suggest that a country disarm. There were practical men who were facing the situation as it was, not as they would like it to be. He felt, however, that an enlightened public opinion in sixty-seven countries in which Rotary was represented should be able to bring about disarmament.

Mr. Eastman said that Victoria was the fifty-ninth club in the district he had visited during his term of office. He declared that at all the clubs he had visited, he had heard the kindest things said about J. H. Beatty, M.P.P., who is a past Rotary governor.

Lepers Rejoice As Countryman Is Repatriated

Unclean! Unclean! No longer will that dreaded warning ring in the ears of one member of the Lazaretto here, and because of this there is rejoicing among the lepers on Bentinck Island as they prepare for their Christmas festivities.

A strange mixture of sorrow and happiness permeates the little colony as Christmas approaches—sorrow because one of their friends has left them, and happiness because he has been repatriated.

As they go about their chores—feeding the garden, cutting fuel, washing clothes and performing a multitude of other domestic duties—the lepers talk with a hopefulness born of realization.

RENEWED HOPE "Probably I will be the next to go," one remarks to another, trying the while to conceal a gleam of hope in his eyes. But he need not suppress his emotions, for the same is felt by all of them.

This, unquestionably, will be one of the merriest Christmas Eves spent at the Lazaretto, because of the hope raised anew in the breasts of those who are confined to the colony—the hope that they too may again spend Christmas by the fire-side of those whom they cherish most.

On this little wind-swept island, a few miles from Victoria, is a row of wooden cottages where members of the colony used to live until death brought an end to their miserable existence.

MONOTONOUS LIFE

Here on this island one day succeeds another with monotonous regularity. There is nothing to break the routine of the lepers' lives unless it be a shipwreck, which does not occur frequently on these barren shores.

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What Today Means

"CAPRICORN" If December 25 is your birthday, the best hours for you on this date are from 7:50 a.m. to 9 a.m., from 12:30 p.m. to 1:40 p.m., and from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The danger periods are from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and from 9:10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Astrological tendencies for December 25: Hindrances in the progress of business, chiefly due to causes which date from some time back. A risky time for strenuous work. Children will give trouble to their parents for the time being. Short journeys are shown.

The child born on this December 25 will be imaginative to a remarkable degree, and will be inclined to "romance." It will lack the push and energy to live up to the promise of its youth. It will be a born procrastinator, and will never learn the true value of time.

Born on December 25, you are an idealist, with all the hopes and dreams and faults of one. You aspired in your youth to scale heights which you will never reach. Your horoscope reveals that your rose-leaves of romance will turn into tea-leaves of routine, domesticity, money-making, and other ordinary and usual things. You have not been able to extract the satisfaction out of life that you expected. You will probably, through necessity, be drawn into commerce, although you are inclined towards the artistic professions.

Your nature is free from stolidity and over-assertiveness. Your manners are pleasing, and your movements free and graceful. You should be able to excel in such amusements as dancing or skating. You will have many friends, and will gain social popularity. Externally, you appear rather worldly, but in your inner life you are always pulling away from externals. A love of philosophy and a tendency towards religious thought is shown. You have very tolerant views and are broad-minded. You are observant, and very conscious of what goes on. Changes of occupation and residence are shown.

From the standard of what a person is, and not what he does, you are a success—neither a saint nor genius, but a happy human being.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 "CAPRICORN"

If December 26 is your birthday, the best hours for you on this date are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 4:50 p.m. to 6 p.m., and from 9:40 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The danger periods are

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December 26 will be full of elusive difficulties and complications for many, but a good working day. Circumstances will be improved, good work accomplished, and obstacles surmounted. Underhand influences will be encountered in private life.

Children born on this December 26 will be natural students, deep thinkers, and hustlers. They will have good heads for business, and will doubtless succeed in that direction. They will be clever and able to strike a good bargain. They will have a natural flow of language, and will be able to express themselves clearly orally or in writing.

Born on December 26, your chances in life for a great many things are lessened by your pessimistic outlook. It is easy for you to see the tragedies or to bemoan your ill fortunes. It is difficult for you to find your blessings, or to see the humor of life. You may permit yourself to become a whining woman or a complaining man—either one of which is the very limit of household afflictions. If you care to keep the good will of your associates, you will stop "grizzling."

You have a good mind, when you are in the proper mood to apply it. You like to be thorough in your knowledge, and as a student you dig deep. You never try to bluff in any way, and you are always ready to back your word, or to "deliver the goods." You never try to shirk your duties, although you do not always do them with good grace. You very much dislike obligations of any kind. You are not all promise and no execution, for you usually get to

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Picturesque Ceremony Is Held by New Canadians—Twelve-Course Dinner in Honor of the Twelve Apostles Brings to an End Period of Fasting

WHEN on Christmas Eve the Ukrainian settlers in Central and Northern Alberta and Saskatchewan sit down to their feast—the outstanding feast of the year—their dish of "kutia" will be of special significance. "Kutia" is composed of boiled wheat, poppy seeds and honey. The Ukrainians do not gather fruits and spices from the far ends of the earth to make their Christmas dishes. Rather, following the customs of their ancestors, they gather together the products of their own lands and by methods carefully followed through the ages, they prepare their dainties.

The land in the Ukraine is very rich, producing fine crops of wheat; but high, they have an abundance of the flowers bloom profusely and honey is abundant. So at their Christmas festival they feel it fitting to serve the best their land produces and give it the place of honor.

Nature has been kind to these new Canadians this year. Their fields yielded a rich harvest of wheat; their apertures a rich supply

of honey. Though prices may not be high, they have an abundance of food and to spare, and are in the main enabled to meet their financial obligations.

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wealth of tradition, to much of which they cling. This is noticed particularly in connection with the feast days of the churches, of which Christmas and Easter are the outstanding.

The Ukrainian Christmas is on January 7. For six weeks before the people observe Lent. No weddings are held during that period, no dances, no festivities of any kind. The people fast, abstaining from eating fats, and eating unleavened bread. Even at their great Christmas Eve feast, no fats are eaten.

NOTABLE DINNER

There is much preparation for this meal. Twelve dishes, honoring the twelve Apostles, must be served. These include the Kutia, Holub, a preparation of cabbage and rice cooked together. Pyrophi, called here and other fish, and such other dishes as the family favor. Pyrophi is made after the fashion of boiled dumplings. The housewife makes a dough of flour, water and salt, rolls this out and cuts it in small squares or round pieces. On these she spreads cottage cheese, boiled cabbage or potatoes, or boiled prunes. The pastry is rolled around the filling and it is then cooked in boiling water. For the Christmas Pyrophi, cabbage or prunes are always used.

The Christmas Eve feast is strictly a family gathering. Members of the family who are away from home may come back to take their places at the table, but no stranger is invited.

SIMPLE TRIBUTES

Before the family gather around the board there are several important traditions to be carried out. A sheaf of wheat must be carried into the house earlier in the day and placed in the corner of the room, where it remains during the celebration, silent recognition that daily bread has been granted in answer to prayer. Fresh hay is brought from the barn and spread on the table before the cloth is laid, and beneath the table as well in memory of Christ's birth in a humble manger.

Man's dependence upon his animals must be recognized, so the horses with which he cultivates his fields, the cattle that provide milk and meat, the sheep that give wool for his clothing, the swine and poultry must have their Christmas feast, too, and this must be served before the family eat. Following this, thought is given to the poor of the community, and to orphans that may be in the neighborhood. Portions of the dishes prepared for the family are carried to them that they also may feast. Thus do they carry out the tradition that all living things must celebrate and be happy at the same time.

WATCH FOR STARS

As night approaches, the children watch from the windows for the coming of the stars. No one is to eat until the stars shine, or, if it is cloudy, until star time. At last the stars come out. All gather reverently around the table and even the smallest child joins in the prayer before eating.

All food is placed on the table before the family is seated, but no one is supposed to rise from the table until he has finished his meal. Supper over at last, the family join in singing the "Kolada," or Christmas carols.

There is no hanging of stockings in these Ukrainian homes, no gift giving as Canadians know it. A fortnight before, on St. Nicholas Day, presents are given the children. They are usually gifts from the church or school.

INTENSELY RELIGIOUS

At three o'clock on Christmas morning the bells of the Ukrainian churches call the people to the Christmas service, and few fail to respond. Men, women and children gather for this early service, that lasts until eight o'clock, and the hour does not bother them at all. The Ukrainians are, in the main, an intensely religious people, and their attendance at church is easily explained. They have gone to church regularly from childhood, and the Christmas service has a particular charm for them.

The Christmas festival lasts for three days at least, and sometimes extends until the New Year. During that time the men, boys and girls go from home to home singing Christmas carols. Sometimes they knock at the doors and ask for money, which they give to the church. Parties are held in the homes, and the best food obtainable is prepared for the meals.

OUTDOOR COOKING

Great flocks of turkeys, geese and ducks are raised by the Ukrainian farm women, and the best of these are kept for Christmas. The Ukrainian woman is as proud of her housewifery as the Canadian-born woman, and the big outdoor oven works overtime around Christmas holidays, for with so many visitors coming and going, much extra bread is needed.

New Year's Day passes, the festival is well over, even with the most enthusiastic, and the New Canadians of Ukrainian birth or descent settle down to the routine of everyday life.

GOVERNOR PAYS VISIT TO CLUB

Morgan Eastman Addresses Rotary Body on Ideals of Organization

Members of the Rotary Club had an inspirational address delivered to them at the weekly luncheon yesterday by Morgan Eastman, of Vancouver, district governor of the organization. Rotary members were held together by friendship, said the governor. This extended throughout the thirty-seven nations in which International Rotary was established. There was only one way to make a friend, said he, and that was to be one.

Mr. Eastman advised all members of the organization to make arrangements to visit the convention of the international body in Seattle early next year.

Reviewing the work of the various committees of the clubs, Mr. Eastman gave suggestions respecting the work to be done. As governor he was himself not so concerned with the record of attendance of members, as in the chronicle of the interest manifested in the service by these members.

INTERNATIONAL WORK

After dealing with the services to be rendered to the club, to the vocations represented and to the community, the governor gave attention to the international service.

In these days when geographical barriers were being torn down and distances annihilated, the situation was very much altered in the world. He would not suggest that a country disarm. There were practical men who were facing the situation as it was, not as they would like it to be. He felt, however, that an enlightened public opinion in sixty-seven countries in which Rotary was represented should be able to bring about disarmament.

Mr. Eastman said that Victoria was the fifty-ninth club in the district he had visited during his term of office. He declared that at all the clubs he had visited, he had heard the kindest words about J. H. Beatty, M.P.P., who is a past Rotary governor.

Lepers Rejoice As Countryman Is Repatriated

Unclean! Unclean! No longer will that dreaded warning ring in the ears of one member of the Lazaretto here, and because of this there is rejoicing among the lepers on Bentinck Island as they prepare for their Christmas festivities.

A strange mixture of sorrow and happiness permeates the little colony as Christmas approaches—sorrow because one of their friends has left them, and happiness because he has been repatriated.

As they go about their chores—weeping the garden, cutting fuel, washing clothes and performing a multitude of other domestic duties—the lepers talk with a hopefulness born of realization.

RENEWED HOPE

"Probably I will be the next to go," one remarks to another, trying to smile to conceal a gleam of hope in his eyes. But he need not suppress his emotions, for the same is felt by all of them.

This, unquestionably, will be one of the merriest Christmases ever spent at the Lazaretto, because of the hope raised anew in the breasts of those who are confined to the colony—the hope that they too may again spend Christmas by the fireside of those whom they cherish most.

On this little wind-swept island, a few miles from Victoria, is a row of wooden cottages where members of the colony used to live until death brought an end to their miserable existence.

MONOTONOUS LIFE

Here on this island one day succeeds another with monotonous regularity. There is nothing to break the routine of the lepers' lives unless it be a shipwreck, which does not occur frequently on these barren shores.

All that remains for these lepers is to occupy themselves with gardening, listen to the radio, or play bridge at night. Latterly cards have been occupying their attention, as they follow the Lenz-Culbertson tournament with zest.

TREATMENT GIVEN

Each leper, however, has been given treatment by Dr. C. P. Brown, medical health officer, who is in charge of the quarantine station at William Head. For the past few years Dr. Brown has been steadily injecting a compound of ethyl and Chalmers into the blood stream of these afflicted people, and at last has been able to give them the most treasured of all Christmas presents—hope for recovery.

Cures have been effected elsewhere in the world. But to these imprisoned on a lonely island, seeing is believing. At last they have seen and now they all wait hopefully for that day when they, too, will be released from the sea-girt island to return to their homes.

LIGHTNING STUDY CONTINUED

Tests of the power of lightning, started recently at Mt. Generoso, in the Italian Alps, are being continued under a dome of metal near Breslau, Germany. One of the experiments is the tapping of the power of lightning, but the results are being kept secret. In the Alps the German experimenters succeeded in capturing an 18,000,000-volt thunderbolt from the clouds, and tried out various models of vacuum tubes to harness the currents.

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Born on December 26, your chances in life for a great many things are lessened by your pessimistic outlook. It is easy for you to see the tragedies or to bemoan your ill fortunes. It is difficult for you to find your blessings, or to see the humor of life. You may permit yourself to become a whining woman or a complaining man—either one of which is the very limit of household inflections. If you care to keep the good will of your associates, you will stop "grizzling."

You have a good mind, when you are in the proper mood to apply it. You like to be thorough in your knowledge, and as a student you dig deep. You never try to bluff in any way, and you are always ready to back your word, or to "deliver the goods." You never try to shirk your duties, although you do not always do them with good grace. You very much dislike obligations of any kind. You are not all promise and no execution, for you usually get to

the top when your mind is set on doing so.

You are not readily influenced by the views of others, and are not a devoted follower of fashion or custom. You are not likely to acquire any vicious or expensive habits.

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Pioneer Today Recalls His Adventurous Past

G. B. Martin Celebrates Ninetieth Birthday—Spent Christmas Aboard Battleship Russel in Baltic Sea During Crimean War

CHRISTMAS has a twofold significance for G. B. Martin, of 426 St. Lawrence Street, for today he celebrates not only the Nativity, but also his ninetieth birthday. It is seventy-six years since Mr. Martin, as a midshipman aboard the full rigged, block battleship Russel, carrying sixty guns, celebrated his fourteenth birthday and Christmas with the fleet anchored in the Baltic sea during the Crimean War. It was a strange celebration, Mr. Martin joining in the singing of rollicking old English songs and drinking the toast to England as guns boomed out across the water, dropping its message of death to the Turks.

VIVID MEMORY

That celebration, however, stands out today in the memory of Mr. Martin as vividly as it did during his youth.

When a representative of The Colonist visited Mr. Martin's home, situated on a small promontory in the Inner Harbor, he found the veteran on hands and knees, tending to his garden, of which he is so proud.

Mrs. Martin, his companion through many hardships that marked the growth of British Columbia during the early days, laid before the reporter with justifiable pride some delicious home-made Christmas cake and a glass of home-made blackberry wine.

TOAST PROPOSED
In the living-room, surrounded with pictures and photographs reminiscent of an adventurous past, Mrs. Martin and The Colonist reporter drank a toast to the hardy pioneer, who for sixteen years represented the constituency of Yale in the provincial House before the present magnificent Parliament Buildings were erected.

Mr. Martin has been a resident of this province for sixty-nine years. His earliest recollection of boyhood was pacing the decks of H.M.S. Victory beside his father, Flag Captain G. Bohun Martin. Mr. Martin's grandfather at that time was Admiral Sir Thomas Briggs and was stationed aboard the Victory.

WENT TO INDIA

After fighting in the Crimean War, Mr. Martin shipped to India with the East India Company. There he was stationed at Poona in the Bombay Presidency. Taken sick, however, he returned to England, and, after recuperating, set out for the Pacific Coast with letters of introduction from the manager of the Bank of England. He came to Victoria via the West Indies, the Isthmus of Panama and San Francisco, arriving here in April of 1862 aboard the old side-wheel steamship Jonathan.

Joining the Hudson's Bay Company, he was sent to Kamloops, walking from Yale to Kamloops. He was in the employ of the company for three years, and during that period built many trails which



G. B. MARTIN

have now been developed into highways and established a trading post at the head of Shuswap Lake.

RAISED CATTLE

Mr. Martin left the Hudson's Bay Company to take up farming, purchasing a large ranch on the South Thompson River. Here he successfully raised cattle and represented the people of his district in the Provincial Legislature. He was among those who voted against the erection of the new Parliament Buildings, having received a mandate from his constituents to do so. For four years he was Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, after which he retired from public life.

Mr. Martin is justifiably proud of his family's traditions. On his mother's side there was a grandfather who was the daughter of General Trapaud, who served under the Duke of Wellington. There was Willoughby Briggs, of India, who commanded the regiment of Scinde Horse. In Mr. Martin's own family there were twelve children, nine girls and three boys. All the boys were in the navy, and the sisters, with the exception of two, married army and navy officers. Two sisters married two of Sir Anchtel Ashburnham's sons.

BEAUTIFUL HOME
It was a happy thought that led Mr. Martin to select his present home, which he calls Holly Lodge, on account of the large number of holly trees that surround his house. The home is situated so that he can see the boats enter and leave the harbor and in his declining years this gives him much pleasure as it recalls his youth and the years spent at sea. His garden also gives him considerable pleasure.

Here in this old-fashioned home, amid souvenirs of the past, pioneers and old friends of Mr. Martin today will extend their best wishes to him on his ninetieth birthday.

COOK POSES AS "KNIGHT"
Bogus noblemen traveling in far countries often succeed in fooling the public, but they usually have poor success when they try their game in England. Bertram Johnson had such a way with him, however, that he posed as Sir Anthony Woodhouse for a long time, traveling about the country passing worthless cheques. After his arrest he was found to have worked as a cook before starting on his high adventure. Now he is beginning three years' penal servitude.

FUNERAL NOTICE
The members are requested to assemble at their hall at 1:15 o'clock on Monday, December 28, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Paul Pentecost, Service at St. Peter's Church, Oak Bay, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Royal Oak Burial Park. Members of other lodges and transient brothers in good standing are invited to attend.
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ALTHOUGH Christmas may seem to the majority of folk to have the habit of descending on the community precipitately, it never succeeds in taking unawares the guardians of the various benevolent organizations which have to do with the welfare of the sick, the aged and the orphaned. These may have their difficulties in financing even the ordinary current expenditures at the present time, but a little additional effort has resulted in the wherewithal to provide something a little more festive for Christmas Day.

At both the big hospitals the usual routine is being followed, which means that the corridors, wards and private rooms have been transformed almost overnight with evergreen and holly, and at midday today the nurses will bear the regulation Christmas dinner to each patient's bedside.

AT JUBILEE
The Daughters of Pity, the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E. and the Junior W.A., as usual, took charge of the decorating of the Jubilee Hospital. Yesterday afternoon the Daughters of Pity had a Christmas tree in the children's ward for the little folk, and tonight the nurses will have a tree of their own, very privately, at the Nurses' Home. At 8 o'clock last night the Nurses' Glee Party traversed the hospital grounds and all the corridors, singing Christmas carols, an entertainment which is greatly enjoyed by the patients.

Christmas dinner in the T.B. pavilion is being provided by the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E., and will include every traditional essential and et cetera associated with the occasion. These wards, also, are gay with holly.

AT ST. JOSEPH'S
At St. Joseph's, trees have been placed in the individual rooms as well as in the corridors and children's and men's wards, and the services to be held in the chapel at periods during the day will enhance the spirit of Christmas. On the trays at midday today, there will be in addition to all the delicacies of a Christmas dinner, some little gift for each patient.

An interesting feature of the dinner is the fact that the turkey which is served comes from the Sisters' farm at West Saanich. On being the source, also, of the hospital milk and fruit supply. The birds were carefully fed and fattened just for the occasion, and should be particularly delicate in flavor.

Midnight mass took place last night, and patients in the immediate vicinity of the chapel enjoyed the singing of the sweet-voiced Sisters' choir.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
Christmas belongs essentially to children, and the children should be a first concern. At the Jubilee Hospital eleven little folk, ranging in age from three months to thirteen years, appreciated the tree and the entertainment arranged on their behalf by the Daughters of Pity at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The tree, every year, is one of the handiwork to be found in the city, and only the shining eyes of the youngsters were brighter than the gaily lighted boughs from beneath which Santa Claus cut for each child a stocking filled with toys, candies, nuts and the traditional oranges. Directors of the hospital present were Aldermen John A. Worthington and George McGregor, also Dr. M. M. Pearce, medical superintendent of the hospital; Secretary D. D. Muir; Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Robert S. Day, Miss Mitchell, supervisor of nursing, and members of the Daughters of Pity, who donated the tree and provided the entertainment, and numbers of the nurses.

Both the B.C. Protestant Orphanage and the Children's Aid will hold

SMUGGLERS USED SUBMARINE CABLE
Customs Border Patrolmen Discover Ingenious Method of Transporting illicit Liquor
WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 24 (CP).—In their efforts to circumvent the law, rum-runners operating on the Detroit River have taken to smuggling liquor into the United States by means of a submarine cable, it was discovered today.

United States Customs border patrolmen came upon the cable on the Detroit side of the river, opposite Beche Island, a Canadian possession at the foot of Lake St. Clair. Examination revealed a steel cylinder, capable of holding five cases of liquor, attached to the cable.

One end of the cable ran into a cottage on the river bank, and the patrolmen located an automobile motor which was used, apparently, to haul the liquor over from the Canadian side.

For having never been absent or tardy from school nine years, William Stacey has been presented a watch by teachers and pupils of Mount Pleasant School, Southend, England.

REGULARS AND BANDITS ALIKE

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bandits. A veil of official silence covered the movements of additional Japanese columns believed to be operating in that area.

The bitterness of the South Manchurian Winter matched the bitterness in the hearts of the two hostile armies.

UNUSUALLY MILD

Recent days have been unusually mild for this country, the temperature rising almost to the freezing point during the sunny hours of the day. Much of the snow which covered all South Manchuria last week had disappeared, but patches of white remained in the broad plains through which the serpent-like Liao winds. The river is surfaced with ice, except at those points where artillery has churned it up.

The Japanese already have forced passage across the lowest reaches of the Liao, at least one battalion having advanced along the railway northwest of Yingkow.

It is bitter weather for fighting. The stocky little Japanese warriors are equipped with heavy olive-drab uniforms, supplemented by sleeveless goatskin jackets. Their heads are protected by great goatskin hoods, the fur of which frames their ruddy, brown faces.

Obituary

LIDSTONE—Rev. James Hood will officiate tomorrow afternoon at the funeral of Thomas John Lidstone from the chapel of Thomson & Fetterly at 2:30 o'clock. The funeral will be under the auspices of Far West Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias. Interment will be the Royal Oak Burial Park.

BROWN—Many friends attended the funeral of Mrs. Durinda Brown, which took place yesterday afternoon from McCall Bros' Funeral Home. Peter Smart, assisted by A. Scroggie, conducted the service, during which the hymns "There is a Land That is Fairer Than Day," "In Thy Grief, O Rock of Ages" and "A Wonderful Gaviot" were sung. Miss Nellie Wallace presiding at the organ. Interment was made at Ross Bay Cemetery, with the following as pallbearers: J. Daniel, J. Phillips, W. Pedersen, D. Donaldson, G. Gordon and T. Mercer.

ROBB—The funeral of George Robb was held at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Parlor yesterday afternoon when many friends and relatives attended. W. Wilson conducted the service. The hymns sung were "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "One There Is Above All Others." Interment was made in the Royal Oak Burial Park. The following acted as pallbearers: David Lake, John Thompson, John Rowbotham, W. Meredith and J. Bond.

PHIPPS—The funeral of Stanley Phipps took place yesterday afternoon at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, with Rev. E. W. P. Carter officiating. One hymn, "Abide With Me," was sung. Interment was made in Ross Bay Cemetery. The pallbearers were W. A. Robbins, C. E. Hopper, H. Cathcart, A. W. Turner and J. H. Watson.

PENTECOST—The death occurred at the Jubilee Hospital yesterday, after an illness of about six weeks, of Paul Pentecost, aged fifty-two years. Mr. Pentecost came to Canada about twenty-seven years ago, and had resided in Victoria for the past five years. At the time of his death he was an officer of the British Columbia Provincial Police force, of which he was a member for twenty-two years. He was a veteran of the South African War and also served with the 3rd Imperial Hussars, during the Great War. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Grace Pentecost, 1034 St. Patrick Street; one son and one daughter; two brothers, Captain H. Pentecost, of Boston, and Harold S. Pentecost, of Salisbury, England; and one sister, Ida, in London. The remains are resting at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Parlor, St. Mary's Church, where the service will be held.

SHORT OF ESTIMATES
Twelve and a half per cent of all the taxes collected by the German Federal, state and municipal governments in 1930-31 went for payment of reparations, the experts reported, but revenue fell considerably short of the estimates.

These things were included in Chapter I of the report, dealing with the present situation.

In Chapter II, dealing with the causes of Germany's economic plight, the report said:

"The influx of foreign capital, which began as soon as the mark was stabilized, and which was estimated at 18,000,000,000 marks, has been partly offset by the payment of 10,300,000,000 marks in reparations."

INVESTMENTS ABROAD
"Between 1925 and 1930, Germany invested a large amount in both private and public enterprises. She has rebuilt her merchant fleet, modernized and rationalized many of her industries."

"Figures furnished by Germany show an investment of 32,845,000 marks from 1924 to 1929, of which 22,428,000 marks represent investments by the public authorities for public utilities, housing projects, roads, canals, etc."

Chapter III, concerning measures taken by Chancellor Brüning to stem the depression, reiterates the belief already expressed by the committee while it was in session that great efforts had been made by cutting salaries of public officials and effecting budget economies in the Federal, state and municipal governments.

In the final chapter, containing the committee's conclusion, the report says:

POLITICAL PRESSURE
"Political considerations often have been allowed to influence the treatment of economic problems by the governments, thus preventing the latter from viewing these problems in their true light and from dealing with them on their merits."

This sentence was considered in view of the fact that the committee was said to have felt all during its deliberations that it was working under political pressure.

The summaries given out last night contained almost verbatim the statement in the text that Germany will be unable to make conditional reparations payments after the Hoover moratorium expires next July 1, and those portions relating to war debts and reparations and unconditional annuities.

Efforts are being made to save lumber from 1,160,000 trees blown down in southern Sweden in July.

The Season's Greetings

With the Best of Wishes for Christmas and the New Year Is the Sincere Wish of

Maynard's Shoe Store

MAY WE SUGGEST

Waterman Pens or Desk Pen Sets
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A Nice Bible or Prayer Book
A Kodak or a Snapshot Album
11.00 Bellows Fountain Pen for the boy
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Waddington's Beautiful Playing Cards
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Whitaker's Almanac for 1932 just to hand
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The Officers and Members of the Victoria Local Council of the Amalgamated Civil Servants of Canada Extend to Their Many Friends the Season's Greetings With Hearty Good Wishes for the Coming Year

We Wish
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from where the funeral will be held will be conducted by Rev. Canon at 1:30 o'clock on Monday after-noon. The cortege will proceed to be made in the Royal Oak Burial Park.



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A Merry Christmas and

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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May you all enjoy the Good Eats you have so generously purchased. Business with us has been good, and

WE THANK YOU

First Christmas Tree Has
Fascinating Story

That night a stray moonbeam found its way through the trees and cast its light upon the little cottage in the clearing, making it bright and cheerful in the surrounding gloom of the forest.

Inside the cottage all was bright and cozy. The flames and sparks danced and crackled merrily in the fireplace, shedding a soft, shadowy glow about the room.

Seated in front of the fireplace, an old man sat reading. On either knee sat two small children, their eyes bright with happiness as they listened to the age-old legend of St. Nicholas.

The old man stopped reading and raised his head to listen. "What's that?" he asked.

From outside the cottage there came a faint cry. In a few moments it became louder—now unmistakably the cry of a child.

The children dashed across the room and opened the door. "Why, it's a little boy," cried one of them.

The man brought with him a glowing torch from the fire. "Yes, it's a little boy, all right," he said. "But how on earth could he have wandered so far?"

He picked the little lad up in his arms and placed him in the chair by the fire.

WAS POORLY CLAD
The boy was poorly clad, but his face, lighted by the soft glow from the fireplace, was almost angelic as he slept the tired sleep of exhaustion and hunger.

"He must be starved," said one of the children. "Let's get him some broth." And with that they dashed out into the tiny kitchen.

No sooner had they returned when the little boy awoke, rubbed his eyes and looked about him. "Where am I?" he asked, wearily. "Don't worry, lad, you'll be all right in a minute. Where do you live?"

"I don't live anywhere," said the boy. "I was lost in the woods and I saw the light from your window, and I was awfully tired."

"Here, have some of this." And the two children offered him the bread and broth which they had prepared.

When he had finished, the old man spoke again. "Now, children, you must get away to bed if you expect St. Nicholas to visit tonight."

"But where's he going to sleep?" asked one of them, pointing to the bed in the chair.

"I guess you'll have to make room in your bed for him," replied the man. "There's no place else for him."

"Oh, that'll be great," said the children together, and with their arms around the little stranger they made way for their beds.

Suddenly to his ears came the sound of music.

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COPPER TARIFF
IN U.S. URGED

Drive for Duty on Imports
Expected to Meet With
Success

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP).—Publication of the Federal Tariff Commission's finding that the domestic cost of producing refined copper is substantially higher than for foreign copper led to expression of opinion in some circles that the drive for a tariff on the metal is likely to meet with success.

At the same time, however, those opposed to a tariff renewed their contention that the benefit of duties to the industries as a whole is doubtful.

TO CONTINUE EFFORTS
Producers and other interests in favor of a tariff on imports of copper declared they would continue their efforts to obtain protection in order to have something to fall back upon in the event foreign producers should withdraw from the recent curtailment accorded by the United States.

Foreign interests are opposing the American copper tariff proposal, only because it will close this market to outside production, but on the ground that it will add to the already serious problems of the industry.

TO REMAIN CLOSED
Mufullara Copper Mines, Ltd., the African copper property in which the American Metal Company holds a substantial interest through other companies, announced that as a result of the world copper restriction agreement, the opening of the company's mines, set for early in 1932, would be postponed.

Roan Antelope Mines, Ltd., in which American Metal also is interested, and Rhokana Corporation, Ltd., will produce Mufullara's quota on copper in 1932, the announcement said.

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City & District

Rotary Greetings—Among the large list of greetings extended to the local Rotary Club for the festive season was one from the Vienna Rotary organization.

WELCOMED BACK—P. L. Naimith, of this city, was accorded a welcome at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday on his return to the city, after having undergone a major operation.

MUSEUM CLOSED TODAY—The Provincial Museum will be closed on Christmas Day, but will be open on Saturday during the usual hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to word received from F. Kermode, director.

CAR SLIGHTLY DAMAGED—Miss Jessie Howell, of Lake Hill, while driving north on Douglas Street, collided with a vehicle belonging to a friend on Yates Street by W. J. Renie, 1298 Gladstone Avenue. Slight damage was done to both cars.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT—While driving north on Douglas Street, A. McAlister, 119 Cambridge Street, last night collided and collided with an automobile driven by R. Kershaw, of Ten Mile Point, causing slight damage to the rear carrier of the latter car.

SALES FOR \$25,000—Fred E. Parker, through his solicitor, P. J. Simpson, started suit in the Supreme Court here yesterday for \$25,000 damages against the Delta Construction Company and George La Motte, broker and financier, of Penikese.

The action is based on a telegram which, it is alleged by the plaintiff, was sent to his character and to his business.

WILL PROVIDE DINNER—Through the courtesy of the following public-spirited citizens, members of the Otter Point Relief Camp, No. 104, will enjoy a full course Christmas dinner: Mr. and Mrs. H. Maynard, H. Stanley, George Mellor, J. H. "Joker" Patton, James Price, Britannia Branch of the Canadian Legion, Pro Patria Branch, Naval Veterans' Army and Navy Veterans and Mrs. Jackson.

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MIDNIGHT MASS
WELL ATTENDED

Big Congregation Present at
St. Andrew's Cathedral
Last Night

The customary midnight celebration of Pontifical High Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral last night drew a great congregation which filled the church to its capacity, and when the service came to an end shortly before 2 o'clock the streets temporarily resumed the appearance of several hours before when the Christmas Eve rush was at its height.

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U.S. Will Make
Great Bid for
Hockey Honors

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (CP).—Never before in the history of the United States' participation in Olympic Winter sports has such a determined effort been made to build a hockey team of sufficiently high quality as to inspire hopes of winning the championship.

Teams in many parts of the country are now competing in elimination tournaments under the watchful eyes of experts. The numerous squads will be narrowed down until only four remain by the first week of January. The surviving sextette will then have qualified to represent the United States at Lake Placid in February against Canada, Sweden, Germany, Poland, and other teams.

**OUTLOOK FOR
YEAR BRIGHT**

Improvement in Number of
Fields Is Noted by Financial Journal

TORONTO, Dec. 24 (CP).—Prospects for Canadian business in 1932 are at least as good as a year ago, with substantial improvement in a number of fields, according to reports received by the Financial Post from editors of leading business papers throughout Canada.

The Post says: "Responding to a series of specific questions, the editors report that in most fields volume of business has been lower in 1931 than in 1930, although trades showed seasonal improvement in the last quarter over the third quarter of the year. In a few industries and trades the physical volume of business has been higher, but lower prices have brought about a reduced volume of dollar sales."

HAVE SUFFERED KEENLY
The Post continues: "Industries that have previously enjoyed substantial profits from export sales, such as meat packers, flour millers, newspaper manufacture, fisheries, have suffered keenly from the demoralized condition of foreign markets and the wide fluctuations in exchange, and a number of these industries are now attempting to develop their home markets upon a more substantial basis."

"Merchandising policies are becoming keener, and one evidence of this is the virtual assurance that advertising appropriations of the larger Canadian companies will, in most cases, exceed expenditures in 1931."

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**Aubrey Boomer
Will Compete in
Mexican Tourney**

AGUA CALIENTE, Mexico, Dec. 24 (AP).—Eighty-six golfers were exempted today from qualifying rounds preceding the opening here, January 12, of the \$15,000 Agua Caliente open golf tournament. The list included all money winners in the event last year, the first fifty in the United States open, the thirty-two qualifiers in the P.G.A. tournament, and four foreign golfers. The foreign players who have signified their intention of competing are Aubrey Boomer, of St. Cloud, France; R. Asano, of Yassuda, and T. Miyamoto, of Japan.

**TUG WINS WAY TO
SAFETY AFTER ALL
HOPE SEEMED LOST**

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The tug had reached a velocity of forty-four miles an hour. The tug Goliath and Liver Pox were pursuing the drifting schooner after she broke away from both the Goliath and Roosevelt.

TO RETURN TO SEA
Tonight, the Roosevelt was under orders from her owners at Seattle to proceed from Neah Bay, as soon as the weather permits, to the Commodore, and again attempt to tow her into Bellingham. It will take her ten hours for the trip after the towline is placed aboard.

The storm was abating tonight, and during the day the cutter Snohomish returned to Port Angeles and the Chelan to Seattle.

The Vigilant has not yet covered a third of the distance from Honolulu to Puget Sound.

**RUSH TO REACH
RAINBOW'S END**

Continued from Page 1
"rushes" to other new gold discoveries in Western Canada, these ever-hopeful prospectors believe that this time they have found their pot of gold at the rainbow's end.

TWO DISAPPOINTMENTS
Reports of a rich "strike" in southwestern Manitoba sent them there, only to find the rumors unfounded. Then news from Alberta of Indians finding raw gold in chunks sent them flocking to that province, again to be disappointed.

In the meantime the women decided to take a hand in the game. Disregarding the time-honored prospectors' pack, heavy shoes and breeches, they set out for reported discoveries in Southern Saskatchewan by motor car and wearing high-heeled shoes. The up-to-date equipment proved no better than the men's regular kit, so this "field" was soon deserted.

SAMPLES ARE RICH
Undaunted by these reverses, these intrepid pioneers are now wending their way to Island Lake, up in northeastern Manitoba, near the Ontario boundary. Some even envision this new "digging" as an other Klondike, as samples from the area have assayed all the way from \$100 to \$600 to the ton.

These happy-go-lucky gold seekers never give up. If their hopes don't "pan out" they will just shrug their shoulders, pack up and stride off optimistically to some new, untrodden field, still on the trail of their elusive mistress—gold.

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Their Share of Everything the
Holiday Affords

WHETHER ships are tied up at their docks or moving on their many routes through coastal waters or across the seven seas, the spirit of the Christmas holiday prevails among their crews today. Evergreens deck the interior accommodations, and feasting and goodfellowship hold sway. There is no corner in this business of merry-making; and while not so fortunate as those of their fellows who can spend the festive hours with friends or in the bosoms of their families, the "men" who go down to the ships and do business in great waters, will celebrate the yearly recognition of the Nativity in the manner of the jolly mariners who possess no other desire in life than to promote "Peace on earth and goodwill toward men," which has been the practical religion of the fraternity for ever so long.

SAIL ON SCHEDULE
Passenger and mail ships must sail on schedule, whether it happens to be Christmas Day or the day before. There is no picking the engine-room companionship or closing the pilot-house lights on Christmas Eve, wishing the help a "Merry Christmas." Cheerio, Tm off to the country; business can go hang, or the other thing, until Monday morning. See you then." Oh, no. The man who is going to spend his Christmas out of town couldn't get about then, and might not feel so cheery about things if transportation to his destination and return was not available to suit his convenience. And if his correspondence was held up for several days while transportation men took a holiday, wouldn't it be a great opportunity to write New Year letters to the editor?

So the sailor must take out his ship, irrespective of home ties or invitations to house parties. Trains must move, street cars must operate and motor buses run on their various routes. The ferries out of Victoria and other Island points will proceed more or less on regular schedules during the day, while local trains will maintain service and street cars and rural and Up-Island motor lines will cater to the public throughout the day on limited schedules.

Aboard the ships of His Majesty's Canadian navy stationed at Esquimalt, mail, time-honored customs will

REAL SPIRIT
ILLUSTRATEDMotorship Skipper Ran Con-
siderable Risk to Aid
Family Reunion

UCLUELET, Dec. 24.—The real spirit of Christmas is one of real sacrifice and giving with an open heart and hand, and perhaps no better illustration of this could be found than a recent happening on the West Coast, when a small boat, with only one man aboard risked death when the captain, who was in a place in order to take away the Christmas mail and passenger which the Princess Maquina was forced to pass by on account of high wind and a rough sea.

Owing to the gale which swept the West Coast last week, the Princess Maquina was unable to call into Hesquiat for the outgoing mail and passengers. Hesquiat being a canoe landing, is very dangerous in bad weather, with big seas rolling in and breaking on the beach. This was the last boat before Christmas and the mail had been left; and one passenger, who had promised to spend the holiday with his family, watched the Maquina riding the huge waves and fade from sight in the mist. It was his last hope of getting home.

HURRYING HOME
The motorship, Manhattan, of Ucluelet, which had been to Kyoquot on business and was hurrying home to spend the holiday in its home port, received word of the plight of this stranded man and mail.

The captain resolved to go into Hesquiat and take the man and mail with him to Ucluelet, from where they could catch the mail boat to Port Alberni and would still be in time.

After the wind, which had been blowing at a velocity of seventy-five miles an hour, had subsided, the sea had gone down a little, the Manhattan started, but after shipping several big seas was forced to return to shelter. After waiting another twelve hours, it made another try and this time went around Estevan Point and into Hesquiat and there waited for the mail boat.

WEATHER DIRTY
With much difficulty and risk, the man and mail were at last put aboard the Manhattan and the canoe miraculously reached shore in safety. The boat then proceeded on its way to Ucluelet. Captain Hillier said without doubt that he never sailed through such dirty weather on the Coast.

When asked why he took such chances under the conditions of wind and sea, he said that he thought it would be too bad if the Christmas mail would not be posted in time for December 25, and besides, his passenger had promised to be with his wife and children on Christmas and how disappointed they would be if he was not home on that day.

STATE SERVICES
HAD GOOD YEAROfficials Report Government-Owned
Passenger and Freight Lines Had
Gratifying Patronage

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The St. Lawrence season of navigation for Canadian National liners and freighters has been gratifying and the total result of activity on all routes operated by the Canadian National Steamships during 1931 is expected to be likewise gratifying, having regard for the abnormal conditions to which shipping throughout the world has been subjected. This is stated by officials of the company in commenting upon the close of navigation on the St. Lawrence.

The Canadian National Steamships announce a readjustment in the rates for the "Lady" liners operating regular West Indies services from Halifax and Boston this winter and for the Prince David, which will operate a series of two-week cruises to the Caribbean from October 1, 1932, at point of departure. The changes are calculated to benefit married couples occupying an entire room which is intended to accommodate more than two persons. Such passengers will profit by the change to the extent of from 10 to 15 per cent in the case of the "Lady" liners and about 10 per cent in the case of the Prince David. Deluxe staterooms and certain other cabins aboard the "Lady" liners have been re-rated to give an advantage of about 10 per cent to passengers reserving them.

MEXICAN STAMP TAX
TO BE ASSESSED AT
BEGINNING OF YEAR

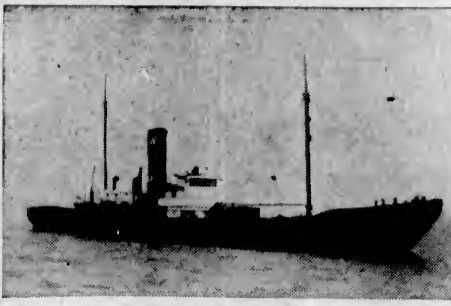
In accordance with recent application of the Mexican Government, and on maritime traffic, extending the scope of this law, all shipments to and from Mexican ports will in the future be assessed a stamp tax of 22 per cent of total freight charges as shown on bills of lading.

This charge will be effective January 1, 1932, at point of shipment, and will apply to all Mexican traffic, both export and import, and regardless of whether freight charges are prepaid or collectible at destination.

Shipments originating at foreign destinations, therefore, will require this tax prepaid on full freight receipts, including any advance charges shown on bills of lading.

First Man—Are you a sailor for Miss Julia's hand?
Second—Yes, but I didn't.
"Didn't what?"
"Suit her."

Survived Storms Off Cape



THE sea-going tug Roosevelt, famous for her association with Admiral Robert E. Peary's successful attempt to reach the North Pole, was given up for lost on Wednesday evening, when the Canadian Government fisheries' protective cruiser Glenavoy failed to locate her after searching the Pacific in the position given when her SOS for help was picked up by shore stations of the wireless service. The Roosevelt, after an unsuccessful attempt to tow the schooner Commodore into the Strait of Fuca, got into difficulties, and it was feared by the crew that she would founder. The tug eventually managed to reach Neah Bay and safety. Her captain explained that, following the last message sent out, the wireless equipment of the ship had been put out of commission.

Ocean and Coastwise Movements

Weather Report
ESTEVAN — Rain; southeast, strong; 29.39; 45; sea rough.
PACIFIC — Cloudy; southwest, light; 29.58; 45; sea rough.
MOUNTAIN — Cloudy; northeast, calm; 29.63; heavy sea.
CAPE BEAULIEU — Cloudy; southeast, light; 29.65; sea swell.

Wireless Report
(Station 8 p.m., unless otherwise stated)
MERCER — Olympia for Grays Harbor, forty miles from Destruction Island.
GOLDEN BEAR — San Francisco for New Westminster, 300 miles from New Westminster.
KINGSLY — Honolulu for San Pedro, 324 miles from San Pedro.
TOMMY MARU — Portland for New Westminster, 300 miles from New Westminster.
MELMAY — Kaituma for New Westminster, 300 miles from New Westminster.
PACIFIC COMMERCIAL — China for Vancouver, 300 miles from Race Rocks.

Northern Points
(Effective September, 1931)
PRINCE RUPERT
Mails close 1:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
Mails due 7 a.m. Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
POINTS EAST OF PRINCE RUPERT
Mails close 1:15 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Saturday.
STEWART, PREMIER AND ANYON
Mails close 1:15 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday.
SWANSON BAY
Mails close 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
OCEAN FALLS
Mails close 1:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
Mails due 7 a.m. Sunday and Wednesday.

Gulf Island Mail
(Effective October 6, 1931)
CANIS, GALLIANO, MAYNE, FENDER, ISLAND, PORT WASHINGTON, SALT-SPRING ISLAND
Mails close 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, 7:15 a.m. Monday, 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, 7:15 a.m. Thursday, 7:15 a.m. Friday.
BEAVER POINT, FULFORD HARBOR
Mails close 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday, Friday.
Mails due 7:15 a.m. Sunday, Wednesday, Friday.
MUSGRAVE
Mails close 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, Friday.
Mails due 7:15 a.m. Sunday, Wednesday, Friday.
NORTH GALLIANO
Mails close 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday, Friday.
Mails due 7:15 a.m. Sunday, Wednesday, Friday.

Transpacific Mails
EMPEROR OF ASIA—Mails close 4 p.m. December 18. Due to arrive at Yokohama, January 2; Shanghai, January 8; Hongkong, January 11.
PRESIDENT JEFFERSON—Mails close at 4 p.m. December 24. Due to arrive at Yokohama, January 3; Shanghai, January 8; Hongkong, January 11.
"EMPEROR OF CANADA"—Mails close at 4 p.m. January 2. Due to arrive at Yokohama, January 15; Shanghai, January 18; Hongkong, January 22.
"Canada" mail for Honolulu.
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
SIERRA (via San Francisco)—Mails close 11:15 p.m. December 14. Due to arrive at Auckland, January 2; Sydney, January 13.
MAKURA (via San Francisco)—Mails close 11:15 p.m. December 20. Due to arrive at Wellington, January 11; Sydney, January 18.

British Mails
SR. WESTERLAND—Mails close 1:15 p.m. December 27.
SR. MAJESTIC (via New York)—Mails close 4 p.m. December 30.
SR. EUROPA (via New York)—Mails close 4 p.m. December 31.
SR. MAURITANIA (via New York)—Mails close 4 p.m. January 3.
SR. DUCHESSE OF YORK—Mails close 1:15 p.m. January 2.
Mail intended for transmission via New York must be so marked. When sent by air over United States lines, mail for New York can be sent two days later than the date indicated.
WEST INDIES GENERALLY
Mails close 1:15 p.m. December 27.

West Coast Mails
ABOISAT, BANFIELD, CACABALOT, CERFERCK, CLATOGUOT, CLO-DOSE, ESKO, ESTIVAN, FORT, KARAWEI, KILDONAN, KUYOQUOT, MONTA, PORT RENFREW, QUEEN'S COVE, SAN MATEO, SECHART, TUPINO, UCLUELET
Mails close 10 p.m. 1st, 11th and 21st of each month.
Mails due 8th, 18th and 28th of each month.
CENTRE ISLAND
Mails close 10 p.m. 21st of each month; 10 p.m. 2nd of each month.
Mails due 29th of each month.
CACABALOT, CLATOGUOT, KARAWEI, PORT KARAWEI, KUYOQUOT, TUPINO
Mails close 8:30 a.m.

Queen Charlotte Mails
Mails close 11:15 p.m. December 11, January 1 and 23; 1:15 p.m. December 18 and 19, January 8.

Yukon and Atlin Mails
VIA SEATTLE—Mails close 4 p.m. December 7 and 19, January 4.
VIA VANCOUVER—Mails close 1:15 p.m. December 14 and 26; January 11.

PASSENGERS DROWNED WHEN SHIPS COLLIDE
TOKIO, Dec. 24 (AP).—Six passengers were reported to have drowned and thirteen were missing in the sinking of the steamer Yaguma Maru, after a collision with the Kamsui Maru in the Inland Sea today. Some of the missing were believed to have been rescued by fishermen.

"Only five people in the house," exclaimed the comedian of the touring company, peeping through the curtain.
"I'd like to know the explanation," said the leading man, "we haven't been here before."

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WILL UNLOAD
ON SATURDAYCanadian Ranger Here—
Ruth Alexander on
Schedule

From St. Lawrence River ports, the Canadian National freighter St. Canadian Ranger tied up at Ogden Point Piers at 5:30 o'clock last night. Rough weather was experienced on the coast by the ship, gales being prevalent for some days past. Today, the crew of the Ranger will observe the holiday at the local docks, and tomorrow cargo will be discharged. On completion here, the Ranger will shift to Mainland ports.

Helped along by the southeast winds prevailing on the coast, the Pacific Steamship Company's coastal liner St. Ruth Alexander docked on time, last night, at Ribbet Piers from California ports. After disembarking Island and Mainland passengers, the Ruth Alexander proceeded to Seattle at midnight.

Carrying cargo for discharge here on to Vancouver when she was in port at the beginning of the week, the Canadian National freighter St. Canadian Importer will return to Ogden Point Piers, tomorrow, and will unload about 400 tons of steel pipe, which the stevedores had placed under Vancouver freight before leaving Montreal.

Outbound for the Philippine Islands, via Japan and China ports, the American Mail Line St. President Jefferson, Captain Alwin O. Lustie, U.S.N.R., commander, is due to arrive at Ribbet Piers tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. After picking up local passengers and last-minute mails, the Jefferson will sail for Yokohama, her first port of call in the Far East, at 6 o'clock.

NEAR COLLISION BETWEEN LINERS
Cherokee Crashed Into Barge as Hamburg Went Full Speed Aft—tern and Swung to Starboard

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP).—The Clyde liner Cherokee, with thirty-one passengers bound for Charleston and Jacksonville, collided with a barge in the North River today after collision with the Hamburg-American liner Hamburg was narrowly averted.

The Hamburg was coming into its dock with 153 passengers as the Cherokee started its journey to Southern ports. When collision of the two passenger ships seemed unavoidable, the Hamburg reversed engines at full speed and swung to starboard.

The Cherokee missed the Hamburg, but smashed into the barge. It returned to its pier at the foot of Beach Street for a survey to determine the extent of the damage. The passengers will be sent to their destinations in another boat or by train.

Visitor (to convict):—"Milton spent fifteen days on one page when writing 'Paradise Lost.'"
Convict:—"That's nothing. I've been six years on one sentence."

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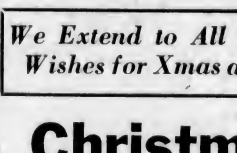
PANAMA CANAL HAD
LEAST TRANSITS IN
MONTH OF NOVEMBER

During the month of November, 376 commercial vessels and eleven small launches under twenty tons measurement transited the Panama Canal. Tolls on the commercial vessels aggregated \$1,762,036.19, and on the launches, \$50.15, or a total tolls collected of \$1,762,086.34.

The daily average of commercial vessels was 12.53, and the daily tolls collection was \$58,734.54, as compared with an average of 12.58 transits and \$58,827.44 in the previous month, and an average of 15.96 transits and \$69,945.25 in tolls for November, 1930. The average of the amount of tolls paid by each of the commercial transits in November of this year was \$4,686.27, as compared with \$4,380.70 for November, 1930. The amount of tolls collected for the past month were the lowest of the current calendar year.

"Hello! Is this Mrs. Jones?"
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JORDAN RIVER.....NO SERVICE
SALT SPRING ISLAND.....SUNDAY SERVICE
DEEP COVE.....SUNDAY SERVICE
GORDON HEAD.....SUNDAY SERVICE
GORGE.....HOLIDAY SERVICE
DOUGLAS-AGNES.....HOLIDAY SERVICE
DOUGLAS-RALPH.....HOLIDAY SERVICE
LAKE HILL.....HOLIDAY SERVICE
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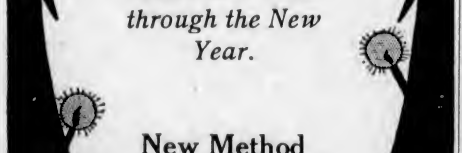


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and yours this
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Personal Items and Matters of Social Interest

Empress Will Observe Ancient Custom Here Tonight

The ceremonies of bringing in and lighting the Yule log and the carrying of the Yule log, traditional medieval customs of England, will be observed at the Empress Hotel tonight in connection with the Christmas day dinner festivities. For the occasion the popular C.P.R. hotel has been lavishly decorated with cedar boughs, holly and Christmas trees.

The observance of these old customs by the Empress Hotel is annually drawing a larger and larger amount of interest, and both the main dining-room and the grill will be required tonight to seat the six hundred guests who have made reservations for the dinner, to be served at 7:30 o'clock. The bringing of the Yule log will take place at seven, and the carrying in of the Yule log will take place at eight. Everyone will have an equal opportunity to see the latter, whether upstairs or downstairs, as the head is to be borne in triumph through both the main dining-hall and the grill.

Special attention is being given to the menu by Jean Frisch, the hotel chef.

Although the majority of the dinner patrons will be Victoria resi-

dents, numbers of reservations have been made by out-of-town visitors also. Among the latter will be Sir Rodmond P. Roblin and Lady Roblin, of Winnipeg.

PRESENTATIONS MADE AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Calvary Baptist Church at Chemainus was the scene this week of its annual Sunday school Christmas party. The church was thronged with people, all of whom greatly enjoyed the concert programme which was given by members of the Sunday school and the Young People's Society.

In the sketch entitled "The First Christmas," the characters were as follows: Mary, Mrs. George Phillips; Joseph, Elizabeth Clement; The Three Wise Men, Ray Andrews, Richard Waller and Tom Cochran; two angels, Myrtle McGladrey and Mabel Cook; three shepherds, Eva Plester, Tommy Cook and Gladys Wilson.

Rev. E. M. and Mrs. Cook were happily surprised on being presented with a well-filled purse and a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums, respectively. Mrs. Troop, of Saltair, made the presentations on behalf of the congregation. Rev. Howard Plummer, on the eve of his departure from Chemainus, also was presented with a ten-dollar bill framed and under glass. Mr. Plummer acted as chairman for the evening.

A large Christmas tree and a beautiful illuminated star formed the centre of the decorations, which had been most tastefully done by members of the Young People's Society.

Personals, Parties Visitors

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holt, 1115 Caledonia Avenue, celebrated their golden wedding yesterday, receiving many good wishes and lovely gifts. They were married in Manchester, England, fifty years ago, and have resided in Victoria for the past twenty-two years. There were nine children, two sons losing their lives in the Great War. Mr. Holt and his two sons went overseas from here. Present at the celebration yesterday were many friends, and two of the sons, Harold and Edmund. Mr. Holt is a member of Britannia Branch, Canadian Legion.

Holiday Visitors

Hon. J. W. Jones and Mrs. Jones have as their guests for the Christmas holidays their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Searles Jones, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. MacLennan, all of Vancouver. Their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Dollar, and young son, Chauncey Leigh, who have been visiting for several weeks, will also be here. Mrs. Dollar will return South to join her husband after the New Year.

Surprise Party

Miss Agnes Sproule, of Lee Avenue, was given a surprise party by the members of her Sunday school class. Those present were Mrs. Gazley, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. McNeil, and Mrs. Pinkerton. Miss Sproule presented a beautiful gift to each member. After a social afternoon Miss Mary Sproule served tea.

Visiting From Michigan

Miss Alta Atkinson, daughter of Hon. William Atkinson, is spending the holidays with her parents, Miss Atkinson is house director at the Martha Cook Building, a girls' residence on the campus of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dramatogue at Empress

At the next dramatogue, on January 4, "Private Lives," an intimate comedy in three acts, by Noel Coward, will be given. The principal parts will be taken by Mrs. Robert Drost, Miss Lucy Bryden, Miss Laura Audain, Mr. A. M. D. Fairbairn and Mr. Lorne Ogilvie.

Here From Vancouver

Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Mustard, of Kerrisdale, and the son, Jack, are expected here today to spend Christmas with Dr. Mustard's mother, Mrs. E. J. Mustard, 615 Niagara Street.

Here From Hazelton

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sergeant and family, of Hazelton, B.C., are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. J. D. Galloway, Harbinger Avenue.

Coming Today

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gard will arrive today from Seattle and will be the guests of Mrs. Gard's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McKicking, Linden Avenue.

Returns Home

Mrs. Thomas McCrossan, of Seattle, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. David Spencer, Sr., for the past few days, has returned to her home on the Mainland.

Is Convinced

Friends of Mrs. T. J. Jones, Rockland Avenue, will be glad to hear that she is convalescing from a broken leg, which she sustained in an accident several weeks ago.

Leaves for Vancouver

Miss E. M. McKee, Cook Street, left last night for Vancouver, where she will spend Christmas with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McKee.

Arriving Today

Miss Bernadette McKinnon, of Seattle, will arrive in the city today to spend a short holiday with her

Her First Christmas Day



—Photograph by Robert Port.
Little Elizabeth Jean, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tyson, of Deal Street, Oak Bay, Photographed With Her Mother. Elizabeth Jean is just Eight Months Old.

TODAY'S RECIPE

By PRUDENCE
Figs or Dates Pudding—A quart of milk, one and a half cups of chopped figs or dates, three eggs, half a cup of white sugar, one cup of fresh bread crumbs, three tablespoons powdered sugar, one teaspoon vanilla. Heat the milk. Add the chopped figs, crumbs and white sugar. Beat one egg white and add three stiffly beaten yolks. Fold into the milk and bake until set. Make a meringue of the remaining whites and powdered sugar. Bake until slightly brown. Serve hot or cold.

brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Webb.

From Ocean Falls

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hodson and Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Silverides, of Ocean Falls, are at the Empress Hotel to spend the holiday.

Victoria Hunt Club

The Victoria Hunt Club will meet tomorrow afternoon for a paper chase, leaving the Willows at 2:30 o'clock sharp.

In Vancouver

Mrs. H. R. Carlson, of Victoria, is spending the holiday season in Vancouver, a guest at the Devonshire Hotel.

En Route South

Mrs. Alex. McDermott, the Uplands, left Wednesday for Seattle, en route to Arrowhead Hot Springs, where she will spend several weeks.

Here From Vancouver

Mr. Fred Manning, of Vancouver, is spending the Christmas season with his grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Kelle, Gorge Road West.

Back From South

Mr. Charles E. Wilson, the Uplands, has returned to his home in the city from a business trip in San Francisco.

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Ganges
Mr. R. C. Ross is spending the holiday week-end with his brother, Mr. W. Ross, at Harbor House, Ganges, Salt Spring Island.

To Seattle

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petticrew, Cook Street, left yesterday afternoon for Seattle, where they will spend several days.

Guest to Ladder

Mrs. T. W. Peterson, the Uplands, left yesterday afternoon for Ladner, where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. McD. Peterson.

Playhouse Closing

The children of Miss Ross' school, "The Playhouse," Shool Bay, entertained their parents and friends at an enjoyable "breaking-up" on Wednesday morning. Christmas songs and carols were sung very sweetly. Then the tiny tots became reindeer and thoroughly enjoyed the fun.

When one is aged four or five it is no effort to cease being a reindeer and become a jumpingjack, which they did, and jumped in excellent time to the piano, played by Miss Streetfield.

Then they sat down in their tiny chairs and, to the astonishment of the audience, transformed themselves into a miniature orchestra, Miss Ross having worked wonders with the tiny tots as kettle lads, drums, wood, sticks and bells.

Nanaimo

Mr. and Mrs. William Newbury, Second Street, will be receiving congratulations from their many friends on Sunday, the occasion being the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding.

Concert Held by Canadian Legion

QUALICUM BEACH, Dec. 24.—Under the auspices of the Qualicum Beach branch of the Canadian Legion, the children of the district were given a Christmas tree and entertainment in the Community Hall. The room had been decorated for the occasion and a tall Christmas tree brought in by Legion members. The ladies of the auxiliary supplied the refreshments, and about 100 children and adults partook of tea.

Games were played until, amid great excitement, Santa Claus appeared and presented each child with a bag of oranges, candies and nuts. The following ladies worked hard to make a success of the afternoon: The president of the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. W. Hackworth; Mrs. S. Cunningham, Mrs. D. Waddy, Mrs. H. Jarvis, Mrs. E. Sanders, Mrs. N. Gibson, Mrs. F. Gillan, Mrs. F. Bagnall, Mrs. F. Hodgson, Mrs. W. Thrall and Mrs. G. Morgan. At 6 o'clock an enjoyable concert was given, arranged by Mrs. D. Jones, assisted by Mrs. M. Francis and Miss Mackenzie.

The programme was as follows: "O Canada," recitation, Mary Mant; tableaux, Misses Merle Bestwick, Gloria Sanders, Evelyn Bagnall, Lenore and Dora Lanning; carol, by the children; song and dance, Myra Pratt and Eva Gillan; recitation, Pat Sanders; duet, Elsie Golding and Sheila Herlihy; gypsy dance, eight of the girls; recitation, Violet Norris; Highland Fling, Myrtle Pratt; recitation, Ian Dobbin. The winner of the doll, donated by Mrs. Angus Campbell, of Victoria, was Patsy Bailey.

Chemainus

Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell will be hosts over Christmas of Mrs. C. B. Hayne and Mr. Clifford Hayne, of Port Alberni, who are expected to arrive by motor on Christmas Eve.

Master Duncan and Master Tom McLaughlin, sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. McLaughlin, Cedar Street, are holidaying in Victoria as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ledingham, 3138 Quadra Street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Craig and their children, Margaret and Peter, left for Vancouver yesterday to spend Christmas with Mr. Craig's two sisters, the Misses Craig, at North Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cave, of Nanaimo, will be in Chemainus for Christmas, guests of Mr. Cave's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cave, Pine Street.

Mrs. M. A. H. Reid, Mrs. O. H. Barratt and Mavis Barratt are expected in Chemainus today, and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Allister, Maple Street. Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBride also will be of the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Powell, accompanied by their daughter, of Duncan, will be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Smiley today.

ACTRESS ENGAGED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP).—The engagement of Joan Bennett, motion picture actress, to Gene Markey, author and scenarist, was announced yesterday by Miss Bennett's mother, Mrs. Eric Seabrooke Pinker. The wedding is understood to be planned for the immediate future.

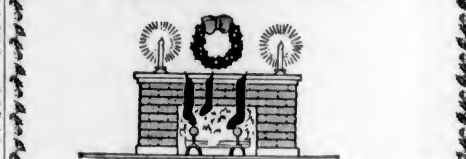
NEW TARGET GIVES SCORE. Marksmen may learn their scores instantly from a target recently invented in Germany. When a bullet hits a numbered ring its corresponding number appears automatically at the side of the target. The rings are of steel and standard paper target placed over them. Numbers run from ten, indicating a bull's-eye, down to one, on the outer ring.



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A Simple Way of Choosing a Mayor



WITH civic and municipal elections taking place throughout the country, and all the attendant speech making, canvassing and voting that accompanies them, this fine historical painting, by Stephen Reid, of London, carries a peculiar interest. It shows the Abbot of Reading choosing the mayor of the city from three candidates, a process vastly more simple, however inadequate in other ways, than that adopted today. Stephen Reid is justly popular among Canadian art lovers, and a number of excellent examples of his work are now on view in the T. Eaton & Co.'s fine art galleries.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY IS GREAT SUCCESS

The James Bay Branch of Christ Church Cathedral enjoyed its anniversary Christmas party in the suitably decorated hall of the Seamount Institute, Superior Street, their headquarters.

The Yuletide festivities commenced at 4:30 o'clock, and before the seventy children, their teachers and friends left for their homes at 9:30 p.m., generous gifts, a delectable tea, choice fruits and candies had been distributed to all; entertainment by individual scholars and team games and contests had taken place, and community carols and Christmas hymns had been sung.

The party, under the management of Superintendent Captain Brown, Misses Jordan and Mrs. Finmore, was this year made possible by contributions from well-wishers among the men and women of the Cathedral body and other friends. The decorations were the results of the work of the three pupil teachers, Misses Thain, Ker-shaw and Bourget, and willing helpers among the school children on three evenings previous to the anniversary.

The spirit of Christmas prevailed, and all from the superintendent to the youngest child of three years, thanked the donors of gifts, which were very much appreciated. They also wish to thank the matron of the institute, Mrs. Rodway, who presided over the tea table and domestic arrangements.

GERMAN-RUSS AIR SERVICE

Air service between Germany and Russia continues to grow. Estimates are that "Deruluf," the German-Russian air transportation company, will carry this year at least nine times as many passengers as it did in its first twelve months five years ago. Mail, baggage and freight also have made great gains. Two services are operated, one between Berlin and Moscow, and the other from Königsberg to Leningrad. Scheduled flights have increased from two to seven times a week.

Anglican Young People

About sixty young people, representing the A.Y.P.A. of the district, gathered at St. Luke's Hall, this being the occasion of a delightful Noel dance, given by the St. Luke's A.Y.P.A. The entrance was through a huge arch of evergreens, while at either side stood beautiful Christmas trees. At the front was another tree, under which the refreshments were concealed in dainty packages. These were distributed to the guests during the supper waits.

It was interesting to note the revival of the old dances, for during the evening every one participated in the minuet and the barn dance.

Miss Helen Ensor, an undergraduate of London University, has been called to the Bar of England.

Kitty McKay

By MIMA WILCOX PUTHAM



The girl friend says that Christmas is one day in the year when the individual who thinks that the sum total of human happiness can be computed on a cash register is forced to take a back seat.

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Dot Finds Her Lost Spirit

A Short Story Which Reveals That After All Christmas Is Not the Sham That Some Think It Is.

"Oh, yeah?"

"Oh, decidedly yes," replied Mr. Burton, gently. "You think you are very hard-boiled and ultra-modern, now that you are a pretty young miss of twenty-one years. But don't for heaven's sake get so cynical that you don't believe in any Christmas spirit."

"Christmas spirit be hanged," snapped Dot, the pretty young daughter. "All everybody does at Christmas is buy a whole lot of things for their friends just because they know their friends are going to buy something for them. And everybody lives in agony for fear they have forgotten to send somebody a Christmas card. I say Christmas is the bunk—it's just another holiday."

"I suppose you'd be perfectly happy if none of your friends or any of the family ever gave you anything this Christmas?" asked brother Bill from the other side of the table.

"Why, certainly. If I could be sure that they weren't giving me anything this year I wouldn't bother. And it would be a great relief, too."

"Himmm," came from Mr. Burton as he pushed back his chair and prepared to rise. "Oh, Bill," he called from the door, "I want to see you for a moment in the library."

"I'll be right up, dad," said Bill. As Bill made his way upstairs to the library he wondered what his father had to say.

"You remember what Dot had to say at dinner about Christmas?" asked Mr. Burton.

"Sure, but don't rope me in on it. I don't think that way."

"Don't get excited, son. What I called you here for was to devise some scheme whereby we could knock a bit of that cynicism from her head. It's becoming a little too strong in one so young."

"Oh, that's different," said Bill greatly relieved.

Father and son talked in the library for some minutes, in subdued tones. Then Bill rose.

"I don't think she'll get wise. I'll tip everybody off, you can look after the financial arrangements and other things," he said as he crossed the room to the door.

"Remember now," said Mr. Burton, "you must be very careful how you handle it. Otherwise somebody will be hurt."

All this happened a few weeks before Christmas.

SOMETHING WRONG

As the great day drew near, Dot noticed that there was something radically wrong in the Burton home. Nobody ever mentioned Christmas. Nobody seemed to go out on shopping trips. No presents or parcels were sent up to the house.

Everything was pursuing the usual course of events—just as if Christmas had never been heard of.

A few days before Christmas Dot remarked about it at the dinner table.

"What's the big idea?" she asked. "Aren't we having any Christmas? Or is everybody sneaking their parcels in the back way?"

Mr. Burton cleared his throat and looked across at Bill, who winked slyly.

"No, my dear, I think we all have begun to feel as you feel. That is, that Christmas is useless. One can save so much money by not giving away a lot of things you really don't want to give, just as you say. So this year we are going to disregard Christmas entirely."

Dot looked at him in amazement. "But what about all your friends? What about the relations? What am I supposed to do? Give to my friends or forget them?"

"Forget them, my dear," said Mr. Burton quietly, with an odd twinkle in his eye. "We have taken the trouble to notify all our friends that owing to the depression, we are not exchanging any Christmas gifts this year. Your friends and Bill's were included in the list."

Dot rose to her feet. Her face was blazing with wrath.

"That's a smart trick to play. Why didn't you consult me? Now what are all my friends going to think? They'll think we're pikers!"

"Now, now, Dot," said Mrs. Burton from the head of the table. "Don't get all in the state about it. You know you really don't care what you thought Christmas was a sham, and that you would be perfectly agreeable to not give your friends anything. You can't deny that."

Dot bit her lip. She knew she was in the wrong.

"Well," she hedged, "you might at least have consulted me. I think it's a rotten trick. What am I supposed to say when I meet my friends?" Then, as if by inspiration, "What about Harry? Where does he stand? Is he in on this crazy idea? Am I supposed to take back what I said to him, as well as all the other things?"

"I haven't seen Dot's latest flame yet, Dad," said Bill. "But I'll see him tonight."

Dot stamped her feet in rage. "You'll do nothing of the kind," she burst out. "I'll tell him myself. Tell him how hard up we are, that we can't give any Christmas presents this year. She was sarcastic now. "And let me tell you this much. I've gone and bought everybody I know a Christmas present and I'm going to give every one of them away, too. I'll give them to some charitable organization. And you," she finished, turning to her father, "will have to pay for them, too. Serve you right for not letting me in on your big secret." She turned and ran out of the room. Mr. Burton smiled.

QUIET EVENING AT HOME

Christmas Day arrived at last, but it was a quiet day in the Burton home. But of the whole day the evening was the worst for Dot.

The four of them were sitting in the den. Not a sound came from any of them.

Suddenly Dot jumped up from her chair and threw her book on the table.

"I can't stand this any longer," she said in desperation. "I'm going to deliver those Christmas presents to the relief headquarters. I don't care what anybody says. I'll go now if I stay here."

"That's a very good idea," said Mr. Burton. "Bill will drive you down. And the two of them left the room."

They were gone for about an hour. Bill taking his own time about getting there and back.

No light came from the front room when they came around to the front of the house and entered. As they walked along the dimly lighted hall Dot had the peculiar feeling that things were just a bit quieter than they should be. Suddenly, as she was passing the wide doorway leading into the front room, the lights flashed on. She jumped back in surprise and simultaneously there came loud cries and laughter from the room.

Dot looked in amazement. There in the front room she saw a huge Christmas tree, all decorated with brilliant ornaments and lights, with artificial snow spread all around and laden down with parcels wrapped in green, red and white tissue. The floor around the tree was littered with presents. Around the room sat or stood a score or more of her friends and relations. "Merry Christmas," they cried in unison.

Dot was too stunned to speak. She looked at her father.

"We decided at the last minute," he said, "to have a Christmas celebration after all. Would you care to join? Of course, realizing what you said a few weeks ago, there won't be much for you. But you are invited to sit in and watch."

Dot recovered her voice. "Merry Christmas all," she cried. "Hello, Harry, haven't seen you since you got back. Hello, Mary. Gee, this sure is a surprise, all right." She stopped suddenly and looked at her father again, her eyes blazing. "But far be it from me to sit around and spoil your presentations. I'll just retire and let you enjoy yourselves. Her eyes were misty with tears."

Mrs. Burton spoke up. "Now, Dad, I think we've carried this thing too far. Dot," she said, turning to her daughter, "all the Christmas boxes that you were so anxious to give away were not given away at all. They will be delivered back here in a few minutes. You can join in the same as the rest. It was all a big joke. Your father never said at all that we were not giving presents this year. The cards he sent were invitations to this party."

But Mr. Burton still persisted. "Well, if she comes in here, she's got to seriously admit that she's something to Christmas after all."

"Oh, I do!" cried Dot, between laughter and tears. "I really do. I've realized now that I was going to miss it. I'm terribly sorry. I think the Christmas spirit is wonderful!"

MANY TOURISTS VISIT ULSTER

In spite of the inclement weather and other adverse conditions the number of tourist visitors to the Irish Free State in the last year was about the same as in the previous twelve months. The Ulster Tourist Development Association estimates that 200,000 spent \$5,000,000 in the Six Counties during the summer.

Bangor had, at times, more visitors than it could comfortably accommodate. The season at Portrush is described as having been fairly satisfactory. Visitors to Portstewart were fewer than the average for the previous few years, but Londonderry and Warrenpoint had a satisfactory season. Visitors to Newcastle comprising tourists and excursionists, surpassed in number those of any previous year, while Donaghadee and Whitehead had much better summer than formerly.

THE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

1. Verbal. 2. Sincere. 3. Cubic meters. 4. Long thin piece. 5. Movable goods. 6. To the side. 7. Subsidiary problem. 8. Council. 9. To sink. 10. Pen-fowl. 11. Apert (prefix). 12. Pole with rest for the foot. 13. Acquire. 14. Issue copiously. 15. Plantain grown from the skin (pl.). 16. Belief in one God. 17. Dissolve. 18. Tincture. 19. Field flower. 20. Tube (pl.). 21. Four girls (pl.). 22. Possesses. 23. Encounters. 24. Consumes. 25. Hauls. 26. French coin. 27. Juniors (pl.). 28. Apples color. 29. Judge. 30. Leg joint.

1. Karache. 2. Steeps. 3. Skill. 4. Looks maliciously. 5. Large, unsteady light. 6. Illuminated. 7. Affirm. 8. Ship-worm (pl.).

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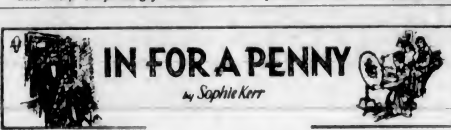
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Vanquished Praise Victors



WHILE Chinese statesmen and diplomats are trying to work up patriotic sentiment and arouse the sympathy of their countrymen outside the war zone for those on the inside, it would appear from the above photograph that any sympathy thus aroused would be wasted. The picture, taken in Mukden, Manchuria, now in the hands of Japanese invaders, shows a parade of citizens of the captured city as they marched to a demonstration to protest against League of Nations interference. The Chinese marchers carried Japanese banners and flags, and were surprisingly enthusiastic in praise of their conquerors.



CHAPTER XXII

"Let me see it," Emily took the telegram and read: "Have just received news of death of Ted and Virginia Gower in England stop frightful accident stop Virginia lawyers report substantial legacy for you stop they want to get in touch with you stop wire instructions stop best love from all of us to all of you. Oscar James."

"Mac, how dreadful! How dreadful! I can't believe it. I can't!"

"Now, Mrs. Crayn, Miss Haines intervened, "be quiet, please. You really should not have had that telegram."

"Oh, yes, I should. I'd have to know. Oh, Mac, it's too pitiful!"

"Darling girl, try to be still. There, give me your hands. He knelt beside the bed, took her hands and laid them against his face and kissed them. "You poor dear, you were so fond of her, I know how you feel."

His sympathy soothed Emily. She lay quiet and let her great weariness engulf her again. She couldn't even rally herself to think of Virginia. Miss Haines took the baby from her side and laid the covers round her, and shook her head at Mac to go back to his place on the lounge. Being an observant woman, as exactly trained nurse, she was struck by his expression: "He doesn't look

cut up a bit—he looks positively tickled. That telegram's no bad news so far as he's concerned."

The interlude of peace and solitude was ended. Now that the child was born, friends and relatives saw no reason why they should not pour in with gifts and good wishes and endless love to the delight of the elder Ralifers and also to Mac, who declared: "It's lak de last Sunday at camp-meeting every day! Em' at breast! Ill angel gits beater every minute en so do Miss Em'ly, praise Gawd!" Miss Haines, however, was not so happy, for her orders against visitors were scarcely noticed, and she had to lock the doors when she wanted Emily to sleep or the baby to remain undisturbed and unharmed. It was no use for her to say "You can't see Mrs. Crayn until afternoon," and "No, you must not pick her up and hold her. It's not good for a tiny babe to be disturbed at all." Emily's old friends simply flowed past as if they had not heard her and rapped themselves around Emily's bed, and she was left to her own devices. "You can't see Mrs. Crayn until afternoon," and "No, you must not pick her up and hold her. It's not good for a tiny babe to be disturbed at all." Emily's old friends simply flowed past as if they had not heard her and rapped themselves around Emily's bed, and she was left to her own devices.

Even in the face of Virginia's tragedy, Emily had a faint stir of spirit at Miss Haines' metaphor. "You couldn't have a better example before you," said Miss Haines, starchy.

Emily took the child and held her, small and warm and helpless, so helpless. She had not known before how dependent the child was on her, the mother. This new life must be given not only shelter and food and covering, but demanded also well-being of the spirit, nurture of the soul. This child was her responsibility, her cherished care. She must not shrink or evade or slight the least thing for her protection. Emily held her little daughter close and vowed her self to this duty. No more emotion if emotion was poison to small things. Emily's food, grief and anger must be suppressed and forgotten. "Everything must be right for you," she whispered to the small Emily, "and I've got to see that it is. That's my job. Here you are, nothing but a tiny scrap of flesh and bones, but you're my girl. I can't understand people getting themselves up to suicide-pitch. I couldn't do it if I was in rags and dirt neck-

deep and starving besides. It takes courage. That's what I can't understand, not having courage enough to go on living, but having courage enough to kill yourself."

"I wish I could have helped her," said Emily. "There didn't seem anything anybody could do. And now I can't even try."

"People have to do things of themselves, I think. You can't help them much. Well, I'm certain sorry. She was mighty sweet to me when I was staying with you. She must have been right fond of you to remember you in her will."

"I liked her better than any of them up there, except Bette, and in some ways I liked her better than Bette. Don't let's talk about it, mother."

"But don't you brood over it either, Emily. Mac was worried over the way you took it."

"I'll try not to brood. Where is Mac?"

"Said he was going out to take a walk. You want him?"

"Do you know who he is? Can you answer this childish question?"

Suppose we try. In the first place, it must be made clear that Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, cannot be associated with Christianity just because he happens to pay us a visit on the night of the birth of Christ. The ancient Druids in England, long before the conquering hordes of Romans and Norse, held feasts and festivals at about the same time of the year that we look for the appearance of Santa Claus.

In other countries too—in Greece, in Rome, in Egypt, as early as history records, the Winter Solstice was the occasion for revelry and festivity.

All of which doesn't tell us much about Santa Claus.

Suppose, for a while, we change his name to St. Nicholas.

Some time in the fourth century (the actual date is not known), there lived in Lycia the Archbishop of Myra. So great-hearted a man was he that he became the patron saint of both Russia and Italy.

This man was of huge proportions. He was beloved because he protected the weak against the strong; the poor against the rich, the good against the evil.

All through the land he went, leaving happiness in his wake where distress and misery had been before. But on December 6, 342, so history records, he died—in the flesh, but not in the spirit.

For many years after, great feasts were held in his honor on this date, and the spirit of Saint Nicholas was supposed to return and leave gifts on such occasions. But gradually the celebration faded in favor of the festival at Christmas. He is now known in this country, under his German name, "St. Nikolaus," and his spirit returns on Christmas Day laden with gifts.

Many hundreds of years ago, before children were stockings, they would place their "sabots," or wooden shoes by the fireplace for St. Nicholas to fill. If they had been

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good boys and girls throughout the year, their shoes were stuffed with playthings and nuts and candy; if they were naughty children, a small rod was placed beside the shoe as a lesson to the child.

Strange how we, a supposedly highly civilized people, still celebrate occasions as old as time itself. In Valparaiso, Chile, Halloween, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas, all were "holidays" when men clad in skins roamed the woods in search of food.

SANTA'S WIFE

But wait. We've forgotten something. Who was Santa's wife? Now there is a poser!

In Italy, the children, while they believed Saint Nicholas was their patron saint, worshipped his wife instead. Rather a slap in the face for good old Saint Nick.

Unfortunately, her story is considerably more legendary than the story of Santa Claus. In her youth, when told that the three wise men were passing by her window, she refused to look. Just why she regretted this so much is not quite clear, but

At the Playhouses

WILL ROGERS AS AN AMBASSADOR

Famous Humorist Given New Role in Comedy Success, Opening Today at Dominion

Will Rogers, the best loved and most famous "unofficial diplomat" in the world, has made a smashing success of "Ambassador Bill," his latest Fox picture, which will open today at the Dominion Theatre.

Showing the philosophical cowboy-humorist as a shirt-sleeve ambassador to a tradition-bound European court, it is simply made to order for his particular brand of wit. Seemingly to realize this, the famous funster has thrown himself into his work with evident enthusiasm, with the result that "Ambassador Bill" is packed full of the

CHARLES FARRELL IS EMPIRE STAR

Fine Cast Supports Popular Actor in "Heartbreak" Commencing Today

Charles Farrell, now one of the highest ranking stars in Hollywood, spent many weary and discouraging months as a mob-scene extra before he was "discovered." Working on almost every lot in Hollywood, it was not until he came to the Fox Studio that his true promise was recognized.

Farrell's starring picture, "Heartbreak," opening today at the Empire Theatre, is said to mark another turning point in his career, presenting him as a grim, hardbitten individual who forswears both life and love, and who is not even afraid to be thought of a "coward."

Madge Evans is co-starred with Farrell. Hardie Albright, Paul Cavanagh and John Arledge play other pivotal roles. Alfred L. Werker directed this production from the highly successful magazine story of recent date by Llewellyn Hughes.

PANTOMIME TO OPEN TONIGHT

"Robinson Crusoe" Commences at 8:15 o'clock at Shrine Auditorium

The good fairies are hard at work preparing all sorts of lovely surprises for all children, little and big, who attend the pantomime, Robinson Crusoe, at the Shrine Auditorium, opening tonight, and they are good fairies, too, for they have gone to no end of trouble so that everyone will be able to enjoy himself or herself regardless of age or size. Everyone who comes to see some lovely dances, hear some beautiful songs, and it's almost a certainty that they will go home with their sides aching from laughter, and laughter is just the thing to make turkey and Christmas pudding comfortable. Patrons are reminded that the performance starts promptly at 8:15 o'clock.

CAPITOL A choir of canary birds is one of the strangest accompaniments ever designed for a singer. It was used when Lawrence Tibbett sang his haunting serenade in "The Cuban Love Song," his new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture now showing at the Capitol Theatre. Tibbett sang to Lupe Velez in a romantic tropical garden, in the new picture, a dramatic romance of a marine in a romantic adventure in Cuba.

COLUMBIA Warner Baxter, an enduring favorite of the screen, portrays the leading role in "Surrender," the William K. Howard production for Fox Films, current at the Columbia Theatre. It is not a war picture, the war serving only as a background for one of the most powerful romantic dramas yet to reach the screen. The supporting cast includes Leila Hyams, Alexander Kirkland, Ralph Bellamy, and William Pawley.

PLAYHOUSE An exhibition of daring horsemanship—daring even for Western Pictures—is staged by Ken Maynard, popular hero of hundreds of thousands of movie fans, in his latest Tiffany Productions, Inc., release, "Arizona Terror," now showing at the Playhouse Theatre. Playing an important part in the picture will again be seen "Tarzan." Ken Maynard's wonder horse, reputed to be one of the most heavily insured animals in existence.

ARTIST HAS ACHIEVED INTERNATIONAL FAME

Ethel Codd Luening, coloratura soprano, who has achieved considerable international fame since her debut in New York, has been spending the past few months in California with her husband, and great interest has been aroused in her farewell concert, to be held on Tuesday, December 29, at the Victoria High School. Miss Codd spent her early life in Victoria, her parents being well known figures in the early life of Victoria and the Northwest. She originally intended to make the piano and the violin her mediums of expression, and it was with the greatest reluctance that she was persuaded to have her voice trained. So magnificent were the qualities that she displayed that her progress may be described as meteoric. She leaves Victoria on an extended transcontinental tour, having before her engagements in Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto and ending in the Carnegie Theatre, New York.

SPECIAL EFFECTS TO BE USED IN FANTASY

Manager James McGrath, of the Empire Theatre, is closely co-operating with Dorothy Wilson in the production of the Christmas fantasy "Sleeping Beauty," which will be staged next Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29 and 30, at 8 o'clock.

The fine stock of scenery associated with this popular house will be fully drawn on, and with special lighting effects, together with the glorious array of beautiful and original costumes, should make the most attractive stage show to be seen in this city during the Christmas and New Year season.

Apart from the orchestra there will be about one hundred and fifty in the cast, including many members of the Victoria Operatic Society.

Shopkeeper: And where shall we send this rope, sir?

Meek Customer: Er—"Seaview," Marine Parade. And do you mind sending it as soon as ever possible—my wife has fallen into the sea.

AMUSEMENTS

On the Stage

Shrine Auditorium—"Robinson Crusoe."

On the Screen

Capitol—Lawrence Tibbett in "The Cuban Love Song."

Columbia—"Surrender," starring Warner Baxter.

Dominion—Will Rogers in "Ambassador Bill."

Empire—"Heartbreak," starring Charles Farrell.

Playhouse—Ken Maynard in "Arizona Terror."

Crystal Garden—Swimming and Dancing.

TO STAGE CONCERT FOR CHARITY FUND

In the early days of the Rotary Club the members realized that special opportunities for helping the needy presented themselves. Some times personal service was not sufficient and the need to have a modest fund available became apparent. The club is always on the lookout for means of maintaining this charity fund, and it has often benefited by the willing service of friends and the generosity of some other some \$50,000 has thus been collected and disbursed during the last sixteen years. Much of this has been administered directly in the way of assistance to underprivileged boys and in other ways which presented themselves, and in which members were qualified to take a personal share in its distribution. Some substantial sums have also been handed over to the regular charitable and relief organizations. Through the generosity of some fifty members of the Musicians' Union, under the leadership of Bandmaster James Miller, of Clifford Denham and Mrs. W. H. Wilson, the well-known soprano, the club's charity fund is expected to benefit substantially by the concert given at the Royal Victoria Theatre on Sunday evening next at 8:45 o'clock. The special orchestra will render a remarkable programme that will be a treat to all lovers of instrumental music. While Mrs. Wilson's contributions are sure to be appreciated. Not one cent in the way of expenses will be deducted from the collection to be taken up.

LYRIC PLAYERS WILL PRESENT "PETER PAN"

A superb interpretation of Sir J. M. Barrie's stage classic, "Peter Pan," is promised Victoria audiences when the Lyric Players come to the Royal Victoria Theatre next Wednesday. The adventures of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Darling, Wendy, John and Michael, in a make-belief land of their own is itself one of the most magnificent pieces of dramatic writing the world has known in a century. With a supporting cast of more than thirty players, Peter Pan—the boy who would not grow up, Wendy, Nana, Tinker Bell, Captain Hook and his pirate crew present a fantasy of a week by licence and three by certificate have been reported by registrars. Another record also has been broken. It is the large number of cancellations which intended brides and bridegrooms are making. Licences and certificates are being cancelled wholesale, more than 1,000 in London offices having been so treated in the two months. It is expected that the marriage slump will increase.

MARRIAGE SLUMP IN ENGLAND

England is experiencing the greatest marriage slump since the World War. In the last two months the issue of licences and certificates has dropped more than 50 per cent. In London's West End only two marriages a week by licence and three by certificate have been reported by registrars. Another record also has been broken. It is the large number of cancellations which intended brides and bridegrooms are making. Licences and certificates are being cancelled wholesale, more than 1,000 in London offices having been so treated in the two months. It is expected that the marriage slump will increase.

GIANT AND DWARF MAY TOUR

When Shiah Khan, who is eighteen years old and twelve feet tall, starts from Teheran, Persia, on a tour of Europe, he may have as a companion, Sheikh Salim, who was born fifty years ago and is slightly more than nineteen inches in height. "I want to go too," shrieked the dwarf when he heard about the young giant's plans to seek adventure, and perhaps, fame in the West. Shiah Khan is at present in the Government Hospital under the care of specialists, who have undertaken to cure his legs, which are not strong enough to support his great weight. When the cure is effected, there is every prospect of Shiah Khan being accompanied on his travels by Salim the dwarf. Salim eats only four ounces of food a day.

MacAllister: I've just heard that your wife has run away with the chauffeur.

MacTavish: Ah, well, he was going at the end of the week, anyway.

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PLAYHOUSE

December 29 at 8 P.M.

December 30 at 1:00 and 8 P.M.

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CUT IN RATES HELPS GROWERS

Anticipate Material Benefit From Reduced Freight on Export Apples

Material reduction in the freight rate on export apples on Canadian roads was announced yesterday. In time to gladden the hearts of British Columbia growers participating in the overseas trade. In advices received by the Department of Agriculture it was stated apples from the Pacific Northwest, for export via Atlantic ports, will receive a rate of 57 1/2 cents per box, in place of 75 cents as before. A corresponding reduction is made on water shipments from the Pacific Coast to Europe. Apples sent via the Panama Canal to Great Britain will receive a rate of 75 cents as against 90 cents heretofore. The rate to Scandinavian countries will be 90 cents a box. Officials of the markets branch believe the reductions will have considerable bearing on the trade next year, with the additional effect of lessening pressure on internal markets by reason of a more favorable condition for the export of surpluses produced, especially in large crop years.

The reduction is expected to prove of great benefit in regard to British Columbia apples moving to the United Kingdom.

How It Started

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THAT WORD PENCIL

Strange that the pencil which we constantly use today should be named after a tail. Yet that is how it started.

Pencil comes from the Latin peniculus, which is the diminutive of penis, meaning "tail." "Little tail" was first applied by the Romans to a brush which was originally used for cleaning purposes. Then it passed on to a fine painter's brush made of fur, hair or bristles. And from the painter's brush "pencil" was passed on to a marking instrument made of lead. Therefore, incidentally, we have "lead pencil," today's misnomer for a stick of graphite enclosed in wood. For the modern pencil has neither lead nor "tail" in its makeup.

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2. Dramatic Overture, Patrie.....Bizet

3. Ballet Russe.....(1) Csardas.....Luigini

(2) Valse Lent.....Luigini

(3) Scene.....Luigini

(4) Marche Russe.....Luigini

4. Song.....Soloist, Mrs. W. H. Wilson

Accompanist, Mrs. Clifford Wain

5. Andante from Beethoven's 5th Symphony.....Arr. by Tobiani

6. Trombone Solo.....The Monarch Polka.....Pinard

Soloist, Bandmaster Miller

7. Overture.....1812.....Tchaikowsky

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RECORD CROWD EXPECTED AT RUGBY TOMORROW

Jokers and Victoria City to Meet Today In Important Match

Replay in Province Cup Series Carded This Morning at Royal Athletic Park—West to Face Esquimalt Tomorrow

With both squads primed for action, Jokers and Victoria City will clash this morning at the Royal Athletic Park at 10:30 o'clock, in a replay fixture in the Lower Island section of the Province Cup series. Last week the clubs battled into overtime, when darkness put a halt to proceedings with the Jokers leading by a 3-1 score, with only nine minutes to play in the second extra session. It was a tough break, as the winners had apparently the match tucked away.

Referee McMillan will send the eleven on their way promptly on time. The winners will clash with Esquimalt in the Lower Island final, and the survivors will enter the first round proper along with the Saanich Thistles, who were fortunate enough to draw byes in the first and second rounds.

Great interest is holding sway along the soccer battle front over the fixture, as a victory will mean so much to the winning squad. It means a chance to eliminate some of the powerful Mainland clubs, who are seeking the honors held at present by the New Westminster Royals, holders of the Dominion championship. The Royal City eleven captured the crown last season by defeating Esquimalt in the final by a 4-1 score.

WING MEN BACK
With Bond back at right wing and Nelson on duty on the outside left position, Jokers will be greatly strengthened for the fixture and

COMMERCIALS WILL PROVIDE OPPOSITION

Speed will be the outstanding characteristic of the attack which Coach Ray Brooks, of Portland, will present to the local fans on Wednesday, January 6, when his Multnomah Club basketball team clashes with the Commercial at the Victoria High School gymnasium in the first intercity fixture of the season. This will be the seventh consecutive invasion of Vancouver Island by a quintette coached by the veteran Portland mentor.

Working on the principle that speed and brains are more essential in the makeup of an ideal basketball player than height or brawn, Coach Brooks has developed his lightest, youngest and fastest squad, with which he hopes to make a spot record on his Canadian tour. The squad which will appear on the island courts is vastly different from any of the six which Coach Brooks has taken to these parts. No man is over five feet six inches and none of them weighs more than 145 pounds.

Another star on the visiting squad is Ray Dempsey, who weighs 140 pounds and is five feet six inches. He has an awkward style of shooting, but gets results. At center will be Len Yandle, who is rated by Coach Brooks as the best player next to Keenan. He carries a deadly shot and is a clever ball handler. Jimmy Reiner, five feet two inches and weighing 130 pounds, is the midjet of the team, but he makes up for lack of weight and height by speed and cleverness. He will be one of the guards, while Dick Applegate will work alongside of him on the defense. Both lads are fine defensive men.

The schedule of the tour follows:
January 6, at Duncan.
January 7, at Victoria.
January 8, at Ladysmith.
January 9, at Nanaimo.
January 9, at Alberni.

Casey O'Dale Loses To Tommy Thompson

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24 (AP).—Tommy Thompson, of Houston, Texas, won two out of three falls from Casey O'Dale, Columbus, Ohio, in a wrestling match here last night. Thompson won the first fall in three minutes with headlocks. O'Dale won the second fall in twelve minutes with a double step-over toe hold. Thompson weighed 208 pounds, O'Dale 220.

When \$1,000,000 in Christmas funds were released in Hawaii the savers used most of it to pay taxes.

Three Aces of the Flying Frenchmen



ALTHOUGH the Canadians are not playing the championship hockey they exhibited last season, it is a long trail to the 1931-32 play-offs and they may surprise the critics. Above are three of the players who have helped to make the team one of the fastest-skating aggregations in the league. Left to right: Alfred Pit Lepine, who has been a professional with Canadians since 1925; Howie Morenz, and George Mantha, flying left wing star.

U.S. Sport Writers Say Rockne's Death Biggest News Story

Tragic Passing of Famous Football Coach Recalled Vividly in Poll—Burke's Victory Over Von Elm in U.S. Open Next Most Important

By ALAN GOULD
Associated Press Sports Writer.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP).—It has been nine months since that last day of March, 1931, when a transport passenger plane crashed near Bazaar, Kansas, with Knute Rockne among its victims, but this stunning tragedy still is recalled vividly by the nation's sports experts as the biggest news story of the year.

"This was not only a nationally first page story," wrote a sports editor, "but it was also an event that reached newspapers in all corners of the globe and affected millions who had come to know Knute Rockne as one of the most dynamic leaders in American athletics."

WIDE FIELDS
For those who confined themselves

to looking at the competitive side of the biggest story of the year, the choice covered a wide field. Seven named the marathon golf triumph of Willie Burke, who won 14 holes to beat George Von Elm for the United States open golf championship at Toledo. Four experts each picked the world series and Southern California's football victory over Notre Dame as the outstanding story. Next in importance, on the basis of ballots, were the Schumling-Stribling heavyweight fight at Cleveland, the Gar Wood-Kaye Don speedboat race for the Harnsworth trophy and the baseball exploits of "Pepper" Martin in the world series. The results of the Associated Press poll on the outstanding sports news story of 1931 follows:

Death of Knute Rockne..... 60
Burke's victory in open golf championship..... 7
Southern California's football victory over Notre Dame..... 7
World series..... 4
"Pepper" Martin's exploits in world series..... 3
Schumling-Stribling heavyweight championship fight..... 3

EXCHANGE AIDING HOCKEY SALARIES

Canadian Players With American Teams Benefiting Despite Cut in Wages

MONTREAL, Dec. 24 (CP).—A few months back, when professional hockey players were renewing contracts, there was a general argument between players and magnates about decreases in salaries. Decreases amounted to approximately 10 per cent.

New it seems the shoe is on the other foot. Canadians playing with American teams (and that is most everybody), instead of getting a 10 per cent decrease are getting a 10 per cent increase. When they are paid off in American funds they deposit their salaries in Canadian banks and collect anywhere up to 20 per cent because of the prevalent discount.

The players with professional hockey teams in the United States, with the exception of one or two, make their homes in Canada and are already allowed to reside in the United States during the playing season under the same immigration laws applying to theatrical people. The law specifies they must return to their residence when the playing season ends.

Shake-Up Pending In Detroit Falcons

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Manager Jack Adams, of the Detroit Falcons, announced by long-distance telephone last night from Toronto, that Farrand Gillie, the Detroit Olympian, will be given a tryout in the big league's line-up.

The announcement confirmed reports that a shake-up was pending in the roster of Detroit's entries in the National and International Hockey Leagues. Adams said Gillie would replace Johnny Borrell in Sunday's game with New York Americans.

Youngest Member of XV to Meet Locals

JOHNNY ROWLAND

youngest member of the all-star Canadian team, who will be seen in action tomorrow afternoon at the Royal Athletic Park at 2:45 o'clock. Rowland is still under the voting age, but has seen plenty of service in important fixtures for the past two years. He is expected to be a tower of strength on the offensive during the Japanese tour.

Lieut.-Governor and Party Will Witness All-Stars in Action

Member of Scottish to Battle Victoria



CAMPBELL FORBES
member of the Canadian Scottish, who will perform the drum for the Canadian all-star fifteen, which will leave for a tour of Japan January 2, against the Victoria "rep" squad tomorrow afternoon at the Royal Athletic Park at 2:45 o'clock. Forbes is one of the finest kickers in the province and his work against the Capital City will be watched with great interest by Rugby followers.

Prominent Citizens Will Be Among Record Crowd Expected to Watch First All-Canadian-Victoria Exhibition at Royal Athletic Park Tomorrow at 2:45—Six Locals on Dominion XV

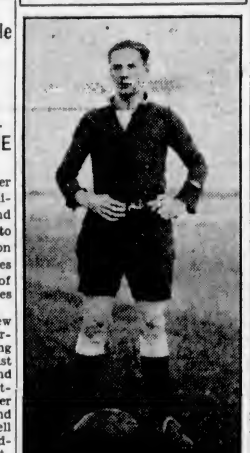
Teams in Top Condition for Game—H. A. Tomalin to Referee

With one of the largest crowds in local history expected to wend its way to the enclosure, the all-star Canadian Rugby fifteen, which will leave January 2 for a tour of Japan, will make its initial appearance before local fans tomorrow afternoon at the Royal Athletic Park at 2:45 o'clock, when it takes the field against the Victoria "rep" fifteen. It will be the second showing of the squad, as it will play in Vancouver today at Brockton Point against a select squad from the Mainland senior league.

Manager Harry Lord will be introducing his strongest possible squad against the local side, as he is taking no chances of suffering a reverse before heading for the land of the "rising sun." Both teams finished their training for the battle and one of the closest fixtures of the current season should result. Manager Bob McInnes and Coach Doug Roberts are sure that the Victoria fifteen will give the visitors stiff opposition, as the local aggregation will take the field in the pink of condition.

GOVERNOR TO ATTEND
His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and party will be guests of the Victoria Rugby Union, which is sponsoring the fixture, along with His Worship Mayor Anson and party. Lieutenant-Governor Fordham Johnson will be introduced to the players before the opening

To Play for All-Stars Against Victoria



GEORGE WARNOCK
skipper of the 5th Brigade, who will be a local star of Rowland and Forbes on the front line of attack at the all-star Canadian exhibition at 2:45 o'clock. Warnock is a valuable forward and is expected to be a hard player to stop when the Canadian aggregation is staging an offensive.

while and then will kick off the ball. His Honor is a keen Rugby follower and will watch the outcome of the game with great interest. Mayor Anson is also a great fan and takes a keen interest in the game.

Fans attending the tussle will watch the local players who will perform for the Canadian side. Six Victorians will be playing against the Capital City fifteen and their performances will attract the attention of hundreds of spectators. Skipped by the clever Reg Wenman, veteran member of the Canadian Scottish squad in the senior city league, the Victoria all-star fifteen is expected to give its best against the powerful team to be fielded by Manager Lord. Wenman was the big note in the troops' victory over the 5th Brigade last week and therefore should be a thorn in the side of the Canadian side tomorrow.

Roddy McInnes, the lad who was

How Fifteens Will Line Up for Tomorrow's Rugby Classic

Here's how the squads will line up for tomorrow's big Rugby classic at the Royal Athletic Park at 2:45 o'clock when the Victoria "Rep" fifteen takes the field against the all-star Canadian squad, which will leave for a tour of Japan on January 2. Players and numbers follow:

Victoria	Position	All-Stars
McInnes (1)	Full back	Hunnings (1)
McDonald (2)	Three-quarter	Skilings (2)
R. Wenman (4)	Three-quarter	Niblo (3)
Dunn (5)	Three-quarter	Leroy (4)
Mabee (6)	Three-quarter	Gay (5)
Slagg (7)	Five-eighth	Suter (6)
Hudson (7)	Half back	Wilson (7)
King (16)	Forward	Read (8)
Donald (14)	Forward	Wharton (9)
R. Forbes (15)	Forward	Cox (10)
Adams (11)	Forward	Boon (11)
Porteous (10)	Forward	Rowland (12)
Banfield (9)	Forward	Bain (13)
Barker (12)	Forward	Warnock (15)
G. Wenman (8)	Forward	C. Forbes (16)

Referee, H. A. Tomalin.

indirectly responsible for the success of Victoria College last year, and now a member of the 5th Brigade, will be playing fullback for the local fifteen. Roddy is one of the finest kickers in the local league. He uses either hand and is expected to prove a tower of strength on the defence. McDonald, Reg Wenman, Jack Dunn and Bob Mabee will form a strong three-quarter line. Mabee is at present a member of the College fifteen, but his fine work attracted the attention of the local union and he was awarded a place on the local side.

Hudson will look after the half-back position, while Slagg will play five-eighths. The forward line is fast, carries plenty of weight and is well experienced, with the following forming the scrum: King, Donald, Bruce Forbes, Ken Adams, Bert Barker, Banfield, Porteous and Godfrey Wenman.

ALL-CANADIANS STRONG

The all-Canadian team will be strong, fast and experienced, with Brian Hunnings, Victoria, playing fullback, and Frank Skilings, Victoria, "Niblo" Niblo, Vancouver; Lennie Leroy, Vancouver, and Gay, Manitoaba, performing on the three-quarter line. Suter, the Quebec flash, will look after the five-eighths position, while Wilson, Vancouver, will play halfback. With Read, Manitoaba; Wharton, Victoria; Cox, Quebec; Boon, Ontario; Rowland, Victoria; Bain, Vancouver; Warnock, Victoria, and Campbell Forbes, Victoria, on the forward line, the local back division will be in for a busy session.

THISTLES WILL MEET ALL-STARS

Senior Eleven to Face Select Squad From Junior Football League This Afternoon

Manager "Shorty" Earle and his Saanich Thistles' senior soccer eleven will be given a severe test this afternoon at the Royal Athletic Park at 2:30 o'clock when the all-star squad from the Junior Football League steps on the field to battle the senior aggregation. Both teams will be at full strength and a close struggle is expected, along with a good turnout of holiday fans.

The Thistles are taking no chances with their less experienced opponents and are putting their most formidable eleven on the field. The outcome will be watched with great interest by the local followers of the pastime, as the junior league has some first-class material on hand and may upset the apocryphal in gala fashion.

J.B.A.A. Defeats Christ Church in Badminton Game

Playing a fine brand of badminton, the J.B.A.A. squad of request welders kept in the fight for the Third Division championship of the Lower Island League, Wednesday evening, by scoring a 10-4 victory over the Christ Church aggregation. The teams and scores follow, with the Christ Church players being mentioned first:

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Miss Fatt and Miss Love lost to Miss Weeks and Miss Cheer, 4-15.
Miss M. Simpson and Miss Biggs lost to Miss Weeks and Miss Cheer, 5-15.
Misses M. Simpson and Biggs beat Mrs. Poynts and Mrs. Thomas, 15-7.
Misses Fatt and Love beat Mrs. Poynts and Mrs. Thomas, 18-17.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Wallace and Connorton beat Huxtable and Poynts, 17-15.
McQuade and Taylor lost to Huxtable and Poynts, 3-15.
McQuade and Taylor beat Clarke and Temple, 15-12.
Wallace and Connorton lost to Clarke and Temple, 10-15.

MIXED DOUBLES

Wallace and Miss Fatt lost to Huxtable and Miss Weeks, 15-18.
Connorton and Miss Love lost to Huxtable and Miss Weeks, 14-17.
Connorton and Miss Love lost to Clarke and Mrs. Poynts, 8-15.
Wallace and Miss Fatt lost to Temple and Miss Biggs, 10-15.
Taylor and Miss Biggs beat Poynts and Mrs. Thomas, 18-15.
McQuade and Miss Simpson beat Poynts and Mrs. Thomas, 18-12.

DEL BISSONNETTE RECOVERING FROM OPERATION TO ARM

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP).—Del Bissanette, Brooklyn first baseman, is out of the hospital after an operation which was expected to strengthen his throwing arm. The arm was tightly bound when he left the hospital yesterday, and it will be some time before the success of the operation is determined.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT



EXPLANATION FOR YESTERDAY'S RIPLEY CARTOON

Made a Hole-in-One on a Bet—Royal G. Warren, of 1418 Stanford Street, Houston, Texas, on June 16, 1931, made a wager with W. M. Gaston (\$5 to \$50) that he could make a hole-in-one within one hour's time, shooting as many balls as he could within that time. The hole was to be about 135 yards.

Warren and four of his associates went to the Brae-Burn Country Club in Houston, and chose the second hole for the test. Warren shot with various clubs, and finally sank the 100th ball in exactly fifty-three minutes, using a midiron. The winning of the wager was witnessed and verified by the loser and three other players.

Capt. Johnsen Sailed Alone Across the Atlantic—On August 21, 1876, Captain Alfred Johnsen landed at Liverpool, England, completing a sixty-six-day voyage from Gloucester, Massachusetts, alone. His small boat, Centennial, was one of his own make, of three-quarter ton measurement. The vessel was decked over, except standing room and hatchway, was fitted with two water-tight compartments and had a single mast which could be hoisted or lowered at will. Her full canvas was a mainsail, two jibs and a square sail.

Though lone mariners are still undertaking lengthy cruises, some even going around the world, there are few, if any, who ever succeeded in a craft as small as Capt. Johnsen's.

The City of Mad-Eaters—Yed, in Central Persia, is situated in the midst of a vast salt desert extending thousands of miles in all directions. The nearest inhabited place is Isaphan, which is more than 200 miles away. The solitude in which Yed is situated makes it one of the strangest human settlements on earth. The city in its entirety is built of mud, roughly moulded and dried in the sun. Its fifty mosques, sixty-five public baths, eight schools, all the houses, furniture, grain receptacles, etc., are all made of mud. So are the goods displayed on mud shelves, and even its bakers' ovens down to the very doors. Mud is the chief article of diet of its inhabitants (numbering about 45,000), and is cooked and enjoyed in a variety of ways.

Please address all queries to Cartoonist Ripley, c/o King Features, New York City, N.Y.

Jackson's Marker In Final Minute Gives Leafs Win

Harold Cotton Draws Match Penalty

With Jackson in the centre and Primeau on the 'other' wing. The Canadians' defence was wide open, and Jackson skated through and shot a goal. The referee ruled that he had it home without wasting any time.

Line-ups:

Toronto—Chabot; Day, Levinsky; Bailey, Galt; Cotton, Suter; Jackson, Conacher, Clancy, Horner, Primeau, Finnigan, Graciar, Darraugh. Montreal—Gardner, Gaudin; B. Manthia, Burke, Munro, MacKenzie, Laroche. Subs: Lepine, Leduc, Larochele, Rivers, G. Manthia, Munro, Wasnie, MacKenzie.

Officials—Sweeney and Hewitson.

Summary

First Period—1. Canadians, Lenzie (Larochele) 1-0. Penalties—Day, Wasnie, Bailey, Conacher.

Second Period—No score. Penalties: Burke, Horner, Jackson, Conacher (minor and match penalty).

Third Period—2. Toronto, Clancy (Jackson) 3-0. Penalties—Lepine, Overlin, Suter, Clancy.

Toronto, Jackson (Primeau), 3-0.

Victoria Golfer Scores Dodo on Vancouver Links

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—C. P. Schwengers received a Christmas present at the Shaughnessy golf course on Sunday afternoon in the shape of a hole-in-one. Playing in a foursome with J. Willard, J. R. Kerr and B. Lewis, he sank his tee shot on the 150-yard tenth.

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Welker Cochran Downs Hoppe in Decisive Style

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP).—Like Cochran required only two balls to win the fourth block in a six-block 21 ballkins billiards match at the Hotel Commodore last night from Willie Hoppe tonight, 25-79.

After making only one point on his first trip to the table, Cochran was forced to leave the table with the balls under control and ran the high run with an unfinished water of 249 on his second turn. Hoppe got 79 on his only turn at the table. Cochran now leads Hoppe 10-79.

Hoppe won the three-cushion match, 20 to 6, in ten innings, having a high run of seven to Cochran's three. Hoppe leads at three balls to play, with two more balls to be played.

THREE HOOP GAMES

CARDERD AT W. ROAD
HALL ON SATURDAY

WEST SAANICH, Dec. 24.—Three games of basketball are carded at the West Road Hall Saturday night. The West Road cagers will meet the Keating boys. Refreshments and a dance will follow the games.

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A collage of 13 black and white photographs of Canadian athletes. The images are numbered 1 through 13. Athletes are shown in various sports uniforms, including track and field gear with 'CANADA' and '35' visible. Some are full-body shots, while others are portraits or action shots. The collage is set against a background of a stylized map of Canada.

Phil Collins, Rod Benge, Stewart Bolen, Chris Dudley and Hal and Jim Elliott are veteran members of a staff that acquitted itself very well last season.

The heavy hitting Virgil Davis was in the most of the catching, but the club is giving him a promising understudy in Al Todd, drafted from Dallas.

"We have robbed the rich to feed the poor, leaving a cock and hen to breed some more," was the poetic message left by thieves who took all the chickens from the police in Reading, England, farmer, recently.

JIM LONDOS WINS FROM GARIBALDI

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24 (AP).—Using the Japanese kneclock hold, Jim Londos, recognized in some states as the world's wrestling champion, planted Chin Garibaldi in fifty-one minutes and twenty-five seconds, at a charity programme here last night.

Wading waist-deep into the sea at Hauxley, England, women launched a lifeline, which helped to refloat a stranded fishing vessel.

Philadelphia Club of National League Signs New Men to Help Chuck Klein—Have Good Infield and Pitching Staff

Present Standing of Clubs

in Old Country Soccer

Including games of December 16		Clapton Orient..	19	4	9	6	38	39	13
ENGLISH LEAGUE		Thames	19	3	6	7	30	37	13
First Division		Gillingham	18	3	11	4	14	36	10
Goals		Northampton Tn.	16	3	12	4	15	35	10
Third Division (Northern Section)									

	P.W.	L.	D.	F.A.	A.	Pls	Gateshead	18	13	4	3	49	32	26
Everton	30	14	8	1	70	24	York City	19	11 <td>4<td>4<th>34</th><th>20</th><th>28</th></td></td>	4 <td>4<th>34</th><th>20</th><th>28</th></td>	4 <th>34</th> <th>20</th> <th>28</th>	34	20	28
W. Bromwich A.L.	21	11	6	6	43	23	Lincoln City	18	13	3	1	41	19	28
Arsenal	10	10	4	8	49	27	Southport	18	6	5	5	25	25	25
Huddersfield Tn.	30	8	6	8	38	37	Crawe Alex.	18	9	6	3	43	34	31
Sheffield Wedns.	30	10	7	3	40	43	Chester	19	7	4	7	33	39	31
[Liverpool]	30	10	7	3	43	41								

Newcastle United	16	10	6	3	41	39	21	Tranmere Rovers	17	8	6	3	40	29	30
Sheffield United	20	10	9	3	47	37	23	Accrington Stan.	17	9	6	3	38	32	26
Aston Villa	16	8	6	3	48	25	31	Derlington	17	9	5	3	39	27	13
Birmingham	20	9	9	4	40	28	30	Wrexham	16	7	8	3	29	24	16
Middlesbrough	20	9	9	4	40	44	30	Barrow	18	6	9	1	37	30	19
								Hull City	17	6	7	3	31	21	

Boston Wanderers.....	10	8	9	3	24	41	10	Stockport County	16	8	6	6	22	10	16
Leicester City.....	16	8	9	3	20	46	18	Hartlepool Utd.	10	7	9	4	29	48	18
Blackburn R.....	30	7	9	4	43	45	18	Halifax Town.....	17	6	8	3	28	31	18
Manchester City	31	5	9	8	37	40	17	Walsall	16	6	10	3	20	31	14
Portsmouth	19	7	8	3	20	40	17	Carlisle United.....	17	4	9	6	27	33	12
West Ham United.	20	7	10	3	31	53	17	Rotherham Un.....	16	4	11	2	26	39	11
Sunderland	21	6	6	7	29	38	17	Doncaster Rovers	19	5	12	1	24	40	11

Derby County	31	6	11	4	24	48	19
Chelsea	30	7	13	1	30	46	16
Blackpool	20	6	11	3	30	50	11
Second Division							
Leeds United	20	13	3	4	46	18	30
Scottish League							
First Division							
Motherwell	23	17	1	5	77	32	30

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ROCKY BROOKS
who will clash with Eddie Monson, Australia, in the eight ten-minute-round main event at the Tillicum Gymnasium tomorrow evening on the local wrestling card. Brooks is in fine condition and expects to pin the visitor in short time.

TRAIL, Dec. 24.—Trail turned the tables on Nelson last night with a smashing victory that brought the crowd to their feet again and again as two of the fastest teams the Kootenays will see for a long time battled for supremacy. Hanson and Sarnec scored for Trail, while Nelson went scoreless. Play was fast, and had the fans on their feet throughout the game. Kimberley, Trail and Nelson now stand tied for league honors.

Brooks has been going at a fast clip lately and will be out to take the measure of the lad from "down under." During the past three weeks

AGUA CALIENTE Lower California, Dec. 24 (AP).—Officials of the Agua Caliente Jockey Club announced today that arrangements had been completed to refinance and said there "isn't one chance in a thousand the track will not open January 1."


Racing at the Agua Caliente track was suspended last night after twenty-four days of the third Winter meeting. James Crofton, president, said heavy losses forced the suspension, and added, "It is our intention to reopen January 1."

TWELVE KILLED WHEN BUILDING COLLAPSES

CAPETOWN, Union of South Africa, Dec. 24 (AP).—Twelve persons were believed to have been killed this afternoon when the walls of a building in course of demolition collapsed, burying a small store crowded with Christmas shoppers.

Soviet Russia recently offered to supply 250,000 ties for the Government railway of Czechoslovakia, but was underbid by Slovakian dealers.

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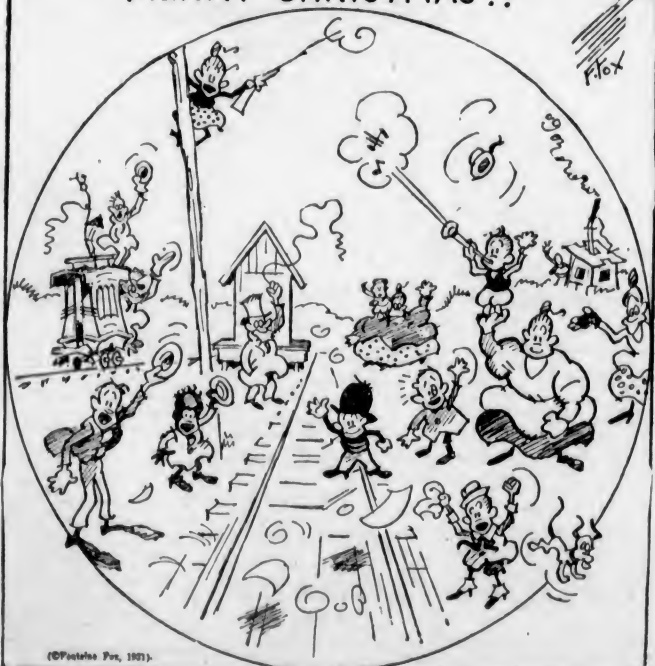
Merry Christmas!

By J. P. McEvoy and J. H. Striebel



TOONERVILLE FOLKS

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



FREE STATE PARTIES UNITE

The two great parties of the Irish Free State united recently, when for the first time since the "treaty" was signed, W. T. Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council, and Captain W. A. Redmond, leader of what remains of the old Nationalist Party, appeared on the same platform at Waterford. Captain Redmond is the sole representative of

the old Nationalist Party in the Chamber of Deputies, but it is believed that now, when he has joined forces with the Cosgrave party he will be able to rally many voters to its support at the next general election. "I desire to give practical effect both in spirit and in letter," declared Captain Redmond, "to the appeal which has been made to me by the head of the Free State Government." Mr. Cosgrave said that the reconciliation between those to

two great parties left him full of hope for the future of the Free State. He was a rather disheartened soldier. "You know," he said to his partner, "I think I prefer swimming to golf." "Do you?" cried his friend, a keen player. "Yes, you can take as many strokes as you like and never need to lie about it."

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE LIVER REMOVES THE POISON FROM THE BLOOD
You may remember the little lessons you were taught at school about how the blood absorbed the foodstuffs from the small and large intestine and carried them directly to the liver where the starches were turned into sugar to be stored away in the liver itself.

In other words the very first organ that handles the foodstuffs that build up the body is the liver. It is not to be wondered at therefore that the liver is the largest organ in the body and contains at

least twenty-five per cent of all the blood of the body. Now while it is, of course, important that the liver should get this first chance to handle the absorbed food from the blood, nevertheless it is another job that it does that is also very important. This is its work of taking poisons out of the blood, whether they come in from the absorbed food or from other sources. Drs. J. Priestley, J. Markowitz and C. F. Mann, have been re-investigating this power of the liver to remove poisons from the system. Strychnine which, as you know, is a poison, was injected into the body, and then the blood, muscle and liver were examined at intervals afterwards. These examinations showed that the liver immediately takes up the strychnine from the blood and then in a short time actually destroys it, as it was shown that the strychnine disap-

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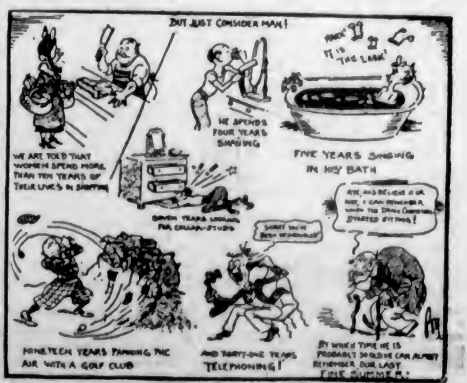
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